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President Barack Obama and Mexico's President Felipe Calderon arrive for their joint news conference in the Rose Garden of the White House in Washington, Wednesday, May 19, 2010.

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Obama prods for federal fix to immigration woes

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WASHINGTON (AP) — Confronting soaring frustration over illegal immigration, President Barack Obama on Wednesday condemned border state Arizona's crackdown and pushed instead for a federal fix the U.S. could embrace. He said that will never happen without Republican support, pleading: "I need some help."

In asking anew for an immigration overhaul, Obama showed solidarity with his guest of honor, Mexican President Felipe Calderon, who called Arizona's law discriminatory and warned Mexico would reject any effort to "criminalize migration." The United States and Mexico share a significant economic and political relationship that stands to be damaged the more the nations are at odds over immigration, which affects millions of people on both sides of the border.

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Insurgent candidates prevail in primaries



Rep. Joe Sestak, D-Pa., along with his daughter, Alex, and his wife, Susan, celebrate at a primary night watch event at the Valley Forge Military Academy & College in Wayne, Pa., Tuesday, May 18, 2010. Sestak beat incumbent Sen. Arlen Specter, in the Democratic Senate primary.

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WASHINGTON (AP) — Angry American voters soundly rejected establishment candidates in two state primary elections, reflecting the ever-deepening partisan chasm in U.S. politics.

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Thai soldiers take position as they suspect anti-protesters firing from inside a park on Wednesday, May 19, 2010, in Bangkok, Thailand. Downtown Bangkok turned into a flaming battleground Wednesday as an army assault toppled the anti-government group's leadership, enraging followers who fired grenades and set numerous fires that cloaked the skyline in black smoke.

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Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton and Mexican President Felipe Calderon toast during a luncheon in his honor at the State Department in Washington, Wednesday, May 19, 2010.

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Obama sought to show that he, too, is fed up with the government's failure to fix a system widely seen as broken. He said that would require solving border security, employment and citizenship issues all at once — the kind of effort that collapsed in Congress just three years ago. The president's stand underscored the forces working against him in this

Associated Press election year: the need for help from Republican critics, the impatience of states like Arizona after federal inaction, the pressure to show movement on a campaign promise, and the mood of the American public disgusted by porous borders.

The Arizona law requires police to question people about their immigration status if there is reason to suspect they are in the country illegally, and it makes it a state crime to be

in the United States illegally. The immigration questions may be asked of people once they have been stopped by police enforcing another law. The law will take effect July 29 unless legal challenges are successful.

Almost twice as many Americans support the Arizona law as those who oppose it, according to an Associated Press-GfK poll this month. It found that 42 percent favored it, 24 percent opposed it and another 29 percent said they were neutral.

Yet in a White House appearance with Calderon, Obama called the Arizona law "a misdirected expression of frustration." He expects to announce soon what action his government may take about it, once the Justice Department finishes reviewing whether the law violates civil rights.

"In the United States of America, no law-abiding person — be they an American citizen, a legal immigrant, or a visitor or tourist from Mexico — should ever be subject to

suspicion simply because of what they look like," Obama said. Calderon was upbeat about finally finding a fair, dignified way of dealing with migrants. He added: "Many of them, despite their significant contribution to the economy and to the society of the United States, still live in the shadows, and occasionally, as in Arizona, they even face discrimination."

The immigration theme dominated a day of pageantry and showy support for Calderon, who enjoyed a state visit with his wife, Margarita Zavala.

The Mexican president was treated to a grand welcome on the South Lawn in the morning. Wednesday night, 200 guests were invited for a state dinner in the East Room followed by entertainment back on the lawn under cover of an enormous tent. Obama repeatedly offered U.S. support for Calderon's government, particularly in his aggressive fight against drug traffickers, a violent battle that has left

roughly 23,000 people dead since the end of 2006.

On immigration, Obama's criticism of the Arizona law is easier than the fix he wants: getting his own party and Republicans to pass an immigration overhaul.

His plan calls improving border security, ensuring employers are held accountable if they try to hire undocumented workers or break other laws, and assigning a series of responsibilities on the millions of people living in the United States illegally. Those include requiring them to pay a penalty and back taxes, learn English and get in line toward becoming a legal resident and citizen of the country.

Republican President George W. Bush tried to get that the kind of package through Congress in his second term, once confidently telling reporters: "I'll see you at the bill signing." He never did. The effort collapsed in Congress in 2007, as critics charged that the measure amounted to amnesty for lawbreakers. □



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Inventors say BP ignoring their oil spill ideas

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NEW ORLEANS (AP) — A suggestion box or publicity stunt? BP has received thousands of ideas from the public on how to stop a blown oil well in the Gulf of Mexico, but some inventors are complaining that their efforts are getting ignored. Oil-eating bacteria, bombs and a device that resembles a giant shower curtain are among the 10,000 fixes people have proposed to counter the growing environmental threat. BP is taking a closer look at 700 of the ideas, but the oil company has yet to use any of them nearly a month after the deadly explosion that caused the leak.

"They're clearly out of ideas, and there's a whole world of people willing to do this free of charge," said Dwayne Spradlin, CEO of InnoCentive Inc., which has created an online network of experts to solve problems.

BP spokesman Mark Salt said the company wants the public's help, but that considering proposed fixes takes time.

"They're taking bits of ideas from lots of places," Salt said. "This is not just a PR stunt."

BP said Wednesday it hopes to begin shooting a mixture known as drilling mud into the blown-out well in the Gulf by Sunday. The "top kill" method involves shooting heavy mud into crippled equipment on top of the well, then aiming cement at the well to permanently keep down the oil. Even if it works it could take several weeks to complete.

"This is all being done at a depth of 5,000 feet and it's never been done at these depths before," said Doug Suttles of BP PLC, which leased the rig that exploded April 20 off the coast of Louisiana.

If the top kill effort fails, BP is considering a "junk shot," which involves shooting knotted rope, pieces of tires and golf balls into the blowout preventer. Crews hope they will lodge into the nooks and crannies of the device to plug it.

About 70 BP workers are taking more suggestions at

a tip line center in Houston. The company plans to test one idea from actor Kevin Costner — a centrifuge device to vacuum up the oil — but that was not delivered through the suggestion-box system.

Thousands of barrels of oil are still pouring into open waters each day, and some of it has washed ashore as far east as Alabama. Tar balls found in the Florida Keys were not from the spill, the Coast Guard said Wednesday.

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration scientists said a small portion of the oil slick from the blown-out well has reached a powerful current that could take it to Florida. They said diluted oil could appear in isolated locations in Florida if persistent winds push the current toward it, but that oil also could evaporate before reaching the coast.

In Louisiana, a chocolate-brown blanket of oil about as thick as latex paint has invaded reedy freshwater wetlands at the state's southeastern tip.

Gov. Bobby Jindal and Plaquemines Parish President Billy Nungesser led a flotilla of media to inspect the oil encroaching on remote wetlands lining Pass a Loutre, near where the mouth of the Mississippi River empties into the Gulf of Mexico.

Jindal, sitting at the edge of an airboat, swept a handheld fishing net through the mess and held it up. It was coated with brown sludge, which had stained the lower shafts of the leafy green reeds sticking up to eight feet out of the water.

"The day that we've been fearing is upon us today," Jindal said later at a news conference.

The U.S. and Cuba were holding talks on how to respond to the spill, U.S. State Department spokesman Gordon Duguid said, underscoring worries that the oil might reach Cuba's northern coast.

Democratic Rep. Edward J. Markey of Massachusetts said in a news release that BP complied with his request that a live feed of the oil spill be made publicly available on the Web. Markey said it would start Wednesday night on his



U.S. Coast Guard Response Policy Director Rear Adm. Paul Zukunft, speaks to panel of lawmakers, on Capitol Hill in Washington, Wednesday, May 19, 2010, during a delegation meeting to discuss the oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico

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website.

BP succeeded in partially siphoning away the leak over the weekend, when it hooked up a mile-long tube to the broken pipe, sending some of the oil to a ship on the surface.

Gerald Graham, a marine environmental consultant and oil spill response expert from Victoria, British Columbia, said he suggested a similar idea at the end of April to the joint incident command center run by BP, government agencies and Transocean Ltd., which owned the rig. The command center had him forward the idea to NOAA, which didn't respond.

"Why didn't they do this sooner?" Graham said. "Why did they wait so long?"

In the weeks before BP hooked up the tube, it tried but failed to use a four-story concrete-and-metal box to funnel the oil into a pipe and to the surface.

Salt said ideas for stopping the mile-deep leak "have to be taken through loads of different stages" before BP can try to use them.

"We're dealing with things at a depth that has never been done before. They have to go through lots of vigorous tests," he said.

Spradlin, the InnoCentive CEO, denounced BP's call for help as a "publicity maneuver." His Massachusetts-based

company challenged its Web-connected network of scientists, engineers, academics and other professionals to come up with

possible solutions to stop the spill. Hundreds of ideas have poured in, but the company says BP has not responded. □

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Republican U.S. Senate candidate Rand Paul is shown during an interview at his campaign headquarters after winning his party's primary election in Bowling Green, Ky., Wednesday, May 19, 2010.

INSURGENT CANDIDATES

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Battered by the worst economic downturn in at least seven decades and disgusted with the perception that Washington politicians dance to the tune of special interests, voters turned on candidates endorsed by President Barack Obama and Sen. Mitch McConnell, the top Senate Republican. While primary elections serve only to select party candidates for the general election in November, the outcome of Tuesday's polling foreshadowed an unpredictability that could significantly reshape the U.S. political landscape. Voters are in a vibrant anti-

incumbent, anti-Washington mood and have lost patience with entrenched politicians seen as out of touch with the public, bailing out wealthy bankers while middle-class Americans struggle to keep their jobs and their homes. In Kentucky, the upstart tea party movement — pressing for lower taxes and smaller government — pushed political novice Rand Paul onto the ballot as the Republican candidate for the Senate, a clear rejection of the wishes of Sen. Mitch McConnell, the top Republican in Washington. President Barack Obama's backing — although lukewarm toward the end of the primary campaign — failed to help Sen.

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Arlen Specter, a five-term incumbent who switched from Republican to Democrat last year in hopes of keeping his Pennsylvania seat.

He was overwhelmed by Congressman Joe Sestak, a retired Navy admiral, who defied party leaders in pursuing the nomination.

"This is what democracy looks like," Sestak yelled at supporters Tuesday night. "A win for the people over the establishment, over the status quo, even over Washington, D.C."

In Arkansas, Sen. Blanche Lincoln, a moderate who was first elected in 1998 and is considered among the most vulnerable Senate Democrats this fall, was the top vote-getter. But she failed to win the majority needed to avoid a costly run-off against Lt. Gov. Bill Halter. He had the backing of labor unions and left-of-center progressives.

The winner of the June 8 run-off will face Rep. John Boozman, who won the Republican nomination.

Turnout was better than normal for the primaries in Pennsylvania, Arkansas and Kentucky, suggesting deeper voter anxiety about their futures in an economy with such a slow recovery that national unemployment still hovers near 10 percent. Five months remain to the November general election,

where Obama's Democrats will struggle to preserve their majorities in both houses of Congress. With the most seats to defend, Democrats are most vulnerable to the anti-incumbent sentiment.

But Democrats received an important boost as they won a closely watched special congressional election in Pennsylvania to fill the seat of the late Rep. John Murtha. Though the winner, Mark Critz, will serve only the final months of Murtha's term, a defeat would have been discouraging in a heavily working-class district held by Democrats for four decades.

In Kentucky, the Paul victory demonstrated the political power of the tea party movement, which believes that government spending and influence should be curbed. It already had helped prevent a Republican senator from Utah, Bob Bennett, from gaining re-nomination for his seat because he was seen as insufficiently conservative.

It also boosted Republican Marco Rubio's candidacy in Florida's Senate race. Rubio's lead prompted Gov. Charlie Crist to quit the party and run as an independent.

"I have a message, a message from the tea party, a message that is loud and clear and does not mince words: We have come to take our government back,"

Paul said.

While his rival had the backing of the Republican establishment, Paul, an eye surgeon and the son of former presidential candidate, libertarian-leaning U.S. Rep. Ron Paul, had the support of some key conservatives, including former vice presidential candidate Sarah Palin.

Palin told The Associated Press in a telephone interview that Paul's victory is a "wake up call for the country."

Paul had 59 percent of the vote to 35 percent for Grayson. He will face state Attorney General Jack Conway, who won the Democratic nomination Tuesday.

Conway, 40, used his victory speech to try to portray Paul as outside the mainstream.

"We have a fundamental decision to make in this most important of Senate races," Conway said. "Are we going to use that passion to heat the building? Or are we going to use that passion to burn it down?"

Specter's defeat signals the weakening of the American political center. He quit the Republican Party when he believed he had little hope of fending off a primary challenge from Pat Toomey, a more conservative former congressman. Toomey won his party's nomination Tuesday.

Yet Specter also was not liberal enough to win the Democratic nomination, despite Obama's support. Sestak accused Specter of switching parties to save his job and said Specter could not be trusted to support Democratic Party values. Sestak's campaign ran television commercials from the 2004 Senate campaign that showed former President George W. Bush saying he could count on Specter, then a Republican.

Sestak, at 58, also projected relative youth compared with the 80-year-old Specter.

Sestak received 54 percent of the vote; Specter had about 46 percent. □



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Auto dealer pleads guilty to aiding al-Qaida

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Associated Press Writer

KANSAS CITY, Missouri (AP) — An auto parts dealer who had sworn allegiance to al-Qaida pleaded guilty Wednesday to taking part in a conspiracy to provide financial support to the terrorist group.

Khalid Ouazzani, 32, a Moroccan native who became a naturalized U.S. citizen in 2006, admitted that he sent \$23,500 to al-Qaida between August 2007 and mid-2008.

Although Ouazzani talked with others about ways to support al-Qaida, including plans for them to fight in Afghanistan, Iraq or Somalia, U.S. Attorney Beth Phillips said he did not pose a threat to the Kansas City area, where he briefly operated a business that sold auto parts and used vehicles.

“At no point prior to his arrest was he any threat to cause imminent harm or danger to the citizens of our community,” Phillips said at a news conference.

Ouazzani was arrested

in February on 33 counts contained in a sealed grand jury indictment charging him with bank fraud, money laundering, interstate fraud and making false statements to the government. There was no mention of any terrorism charges in the initial indictment.

He pleaded guilty to one count of money laundering and one count of bank fraud and to an additional count of conspiracy to provide material support to a terrorist organization.

Prosecutors said Ouazzani, who became a permanent U.S. resident in July 2004 and became a citizen about two years later, provided false information to obtain a \$175,000 line of credit commercial loan in April 2007 to run his business, Truman Used Auto Parts.

In May 2007, he wired \$112,830 of the loan to a bank account in the United Arab Emirates, where it was used to purchase an apartment. In June or July 2008, he sold

the apartment for a \$17,000 profit, which was sent by a co-conspirator to al-Qaida, court records say.

He also agreed in August 2007 to send al-Qaida an additional \$6,500 through a co-conspirator, who paid the money on his behalf, and in November 2007, Ouazzani repaid the co-conspirator through a wire transfer to a bank account in the United Arab Emirates, court records show.

Phillips said the \$6,500 came from the sale of his business. She declined to comment on the co-conspirator or say how long Ouazzani had been in Kansas City prior to his arrest.

Going back to the 1990s, public records indicate Ouazzani listed numerous addresses in Kansas City and St. Louis, as well as spots in Brooklyn, New York, Forest Hills, New York, and Cherry Hill, New Jersey. It was not clear Wednesday how much time, if any, Ouazzani spent in

those cities.

Dennis Hogan, who rented a salvage yard building to Ouazzani for his auto parts business, said Ouazzani owes him about \$17,000 in back rent.

“I’m shocked and stunned but I’m not surprised because he was such a low-life,” Hogan told The Associated Press. “Once he got in, he stopped paying his bills almost immediately.”

Hogan said it was always a hassle to deal with Ouazzani and that other creditors in the Kansas City area were looking for him.

Hogan said that when he first met Ouazzani, he asked him if he was a terrorist, then immediately regretted the question.

“He looked at me and seemed real taken aback, and he said, ‘Are you?’” Hogan said.

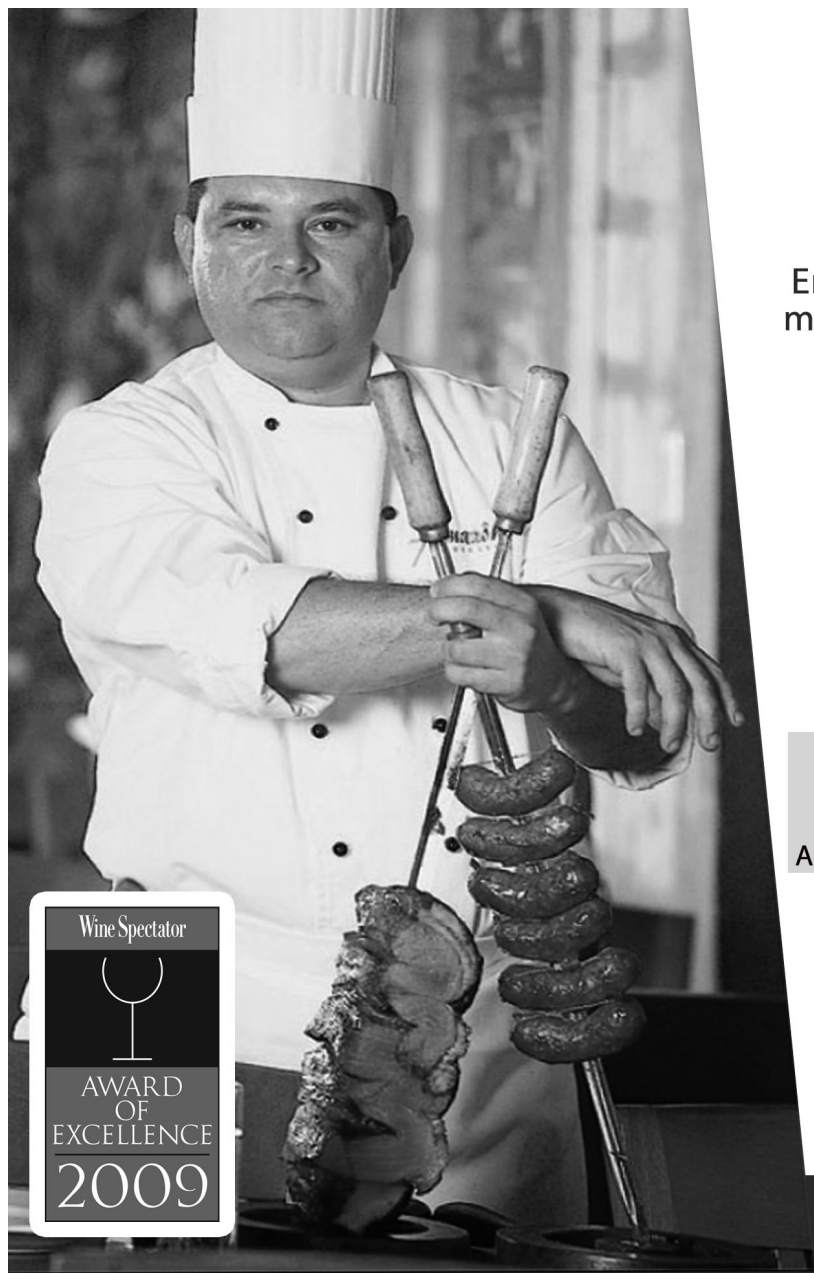
Mustafa Hussein, director of the Islamic Society of Greater Kansas City, said Ouazzani’s wife came to the center after her husband was arrested in



This photo provided by the Kansas City Police Department shows Khalid Ouazzani, a Kansas City auto parts dealer who had sworn allegiance to al-Qaida. He pleaded guilty Wednesday, May 19, 2010 to taking part in a conspiracy to provide financial support to the terrorist group.

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February and asked if the center could help him. Hussein told her that if the charges were politically motivated, there are organizations that could help, but “if he’s guilty, there’s nothing we can do.” □



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Bangkok in flames after army storms protest camp

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BANGKOK (AP)—Buildings blazed across central Bangkok early Thursday, torched by rioters after army troops routed anti-government protesters to end a two-month siege — Thailand’s deadliest political violence in nearly 20 years.

The government quelled most of the violence in Bangkok but not the underlying political divisions that caused it, and unrest spread to northern parts of Thailand.

Prime Minister Abhisit Vejjajiva imposed a nighttime curfew in the capital and 23 other provinces and said his government would restore calm. Although leaders of the Red Shirt demonstrators surrendered, sporadic clashes between troops and remaining protesters continued well after dark.

Bangkok’s skyline was blotted by black smoke from more than two dozen buildings set ablaze — including Thailand’s stock exchange, main power company, banks, a movie theater and one of Asia’s largest shopping malls.

At least six people were killed in clashes that followed the army’s storming of the protest camp Wednesday. Witnesses said another six to eight bodies were in a temple where hundreds of demonstrators, including women and children, had sought sanctuary.

Since the Red Shirts began their protest in mid-March, at least 74 people — mostly civilians — have been killed and nearly 1,800 wounded. Of those, 45 people have died in clashes that started May 13 after the army tried to blockade

their 1-square-mile (3-square-kilometer) camp.

While many of the rioters were believed to be members of the Red Shirts and their sympathizers, there was also an element of criminals and young hoodlums involved in the mayhem in the city of 10 million people.

The protest and violence in one of Southeast Asia’s most stable countries has damaged its economy and tourism industry.

With the top Red Shirt leaders in custody, it was unclear what the next move would be for the protesters who had demanded the ouster of the prime minister’s government, the dissolution of parliament and new elections.

The protesters, many of them poor farmers or members of the urban underclass, say Abhisit came to power illegitimately and is oblivious to their plight.

The crackdown should silence the large number of government supporters who were urging a harder line, and the rioting that followed may extinguish the widespread sympathy many had for the protesters’ cause.

But that same violence also showed a serious intelligence lapse by the military, and the failure to secure areas of the capital raised doubt over how any unrest in the protesters’ heartland of the north and northeast can be stilled.

Many Thais feel that any short-term peace may have been purchased at the price of further polarization that will lead to years of bitter, cyclical conflict.

“The Reds rampaged



A Thai firefighter works to control a fire from smoldering trash at a barricade set up by anti-government protesters in downtown Bangkok, Thailand, Wednesday, May 19, 2010. Downtown Bangkok turned into a flaming battleground Wednesday as an army assault toppled the anti-government group’s leadership, enraging followers who fired grenades and set numerous fires that cloaked the skyline in black smoke.

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and committed to armed resistance,” said Thitinan Pongsudhirak, a political scientist from Bangkok’s Chulalongkorn University. “Right now, they are just burning buildings, but later on, what if they picked up arms to fight the bureaucrats, security forces in other parts of Bangkok, and especially in the countryside? So this is just the beginning. The crackdown didn’t make them retreat fully. Things will get much worse still.”

Thitinan said the government will need to seek a political settlement.

“The problem now is that who does the government talk to?” he said.

Some point to former Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra, who was ousted in a 2006 military coup and fled into exile before being sentenced to two years in prison for corruption. The government has accused him of bankrolling the protests and refuses to make any deals with him until he comes back to serve his sentence.

The crackdown began soon after dawn Wednesday, as

hundreds of troops with M-16s converged on the Red Shirts’ camp, where nearby high-end malls and hotels have been shuttered by the prolonged protest.

Armored vehicles crashed through barricades of piled tires and bamboo stakes, and soldiers then gradually moved toward the protesters’ hub, opening fire with live ammunition and drawing return fire from militant Red Shirts, according to Associated Press reporters at the scene.

Bullets flew and several grenades exploded near the soldiers, forcing them to pull back briefly before pushing forward.

Among the dead was an Italian photographer. A Canadian freelance reporter was wounded by shrapnel and a reporter for the British newspaper The Independent was shot in the leg. Two other journalists were wounded earlier — one Dutchman and an American documentary filmmaker.

The unrest spread outside Bangkok, with Thai media reporting that protesters set

fire to government offices in the city of Udon Thani and vandalized a city building in Khon Kaen. Udon Thani’s governor asked the military to intervene.

TV reports also showed troops retreating after being attacked by mobs in Ubon Ratchathani, and more unrest was reported in the northern city of Chiang Mai, Thailand’s third-largest. After protest leaders surrendered, their enraged followers scattered to other parts of the city to set fires, and some looting was reported.

One of the most striking images was gray smoke pouring from Bangkok’s landmark CentralWorld shopping mall. One of Southeast Asia’s largest shopping complexes, it measured 550,000 square meters (5.9 million square feet) and its total retail area was 1 million square meters (11 million square feet) — about twice as big as the giant Mall of America in Minnesota.

Firefighters trying to douse the flames at some of the buildings were forced to retreat for several hours because of gunfire. □

Muslim anger prompts Pakistan to block Facebook

BABAR DOGAR

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LAHORE, Pakistan (AP)

— Pakistan's government ordered Internet service providers to block Facebook on Wednesday amid anger over a page that encourages users to post images of Islam's Prophet Muhammad.

The page on the social networking site has generated criticism in Pakistan and elsewhere because Islam prohibits any images of the prophet. The government took action after a group of Islamic lawyers won a court order Wednesday requiring officials to block Facebook until May 31.

By Wednesday evening, access to the site was sporadic, apparently because Internet providers were implementing the order.

The Facebook page at the center of the dispute — “Everybody Draw Mohammed Day!” — encourages users to post images of the prophet on May 20 to protest threats made by a radical Muslim group against the creators of “South Park” for depicting Muhammad in a bear suit during an episode earlier this year.

In the southern city of Karachi, about 2,000 female students rallied demanding that Facebook be banned for tolerating the page. Several dozen male students held a rally nearby, with some holding signs urging Islamic holy war against those who blaspheme the prophet.

“We are not trying to slander the average Muslim,” said the information section of the Facebook page, which was still accessible Wednesday morning. “We simply want to show the extremists that threaten to harm people because of their Mohammad depictions that we’re not afraid of them. That they can’t take away our right to freedom of speech by trying to scare us into silence.”

A series of cartoons of the prophet published in a Danish newspaper in 2005 sparked violent protests by Muslims around the world, including Pakistan, and death threats against the cartoonists.

Facebook said Wednesday it



Pakistani students chant slogans during a rally against Facebook page amid anger over a page which encourages users to post images of Islam's Prophet Muhammad, in Lahore, Pakistan, on Wednesday, May 19, 2010.

is investigating.

“While the content does not violate our terms, we do understand it may not be legal in some countries,” the company said in a statement. “In cases like this, the approach is sometimes to restrict certain content from being shown in specific countries.”

It remains to be seen how successful the move will be at keeping people in Pakistan from accessing the site. Some countries, such as China, permanently ban Facebook. But citizens often have little trouble working their way around the ban using proxy servers and other means.

In an attempt to respond to public anger over the Facebook controversy, the Pakistani government ordered Internet service providers in the country to block the page Tuesday, said Khurram Ali, a spokesman for the Pakistan Telecommunications Authority.

But the Islamic Lawyers' Forum asked the Lahore High Court on Wednesday to order the government to fully block Facebook because it allowed the page to be posted in the first place, said the deputy attorney general of Punjab province, Naveed Inayat Malik.

The court complied with the request and ordered the

government to block the site until the end of May, Malik said.

Lawyers outside the courtroom hailed the ruling, chanting “Down with Facebook.”

Later in the day, the telecommunications authority

ordered all Internet service providers to block Facebook, it said in a statement.

Pakistan's minister of religious affairs, Hamid Saeed Kazmi, said the country's ban was only a temporary solution and suggested the government

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organize a conference of Muslim countries to figure out ways to prevent the publication of images of the prophet, which have caused backlashes among Muslim populations.

On Tuesday, an alleged al-Qaida militant detained in Iraq said he had talked to friends about attacking Danish and Dutch teams at the World Cup in South Africa next month.

“We discussed the possibility of taking revenge for the insults of the prophet by attacking Denmark and Holland,” Abdullah Azam Saleh al-Qahtani told The Associated Press in an interview arranged by Iraqi authorities. “The goal was to attack the Danish and the Dutch teams and their fans.” In the Netherlands, an anti-Islam party has become the country's fastest growing political movement. Its leader, Geert Wilders, calls the Quran a “fascist book” and wants it banned in the Netherlands. His 2008 short film offended many Muslims by juxtaposing Quranic verses with images of terrorism by Islamic radicals □

Land activist killed by gunmen in Colombia

BOGOTA, Colombia (AP) — A leader of families displaced by Colombia's violence was shot dead in what human rights groups said Wednesday is the latest attack on activists seeking the return of land stolen by far-right paramilitary groups.

Rogelio Martinez, 51, was riding on a mototaxi near his residence in San Onofre, Sucre province when gunmen intercepted the vehicle and shot him at least three times Tuesday, police Col. Hugo Javier Agudelo said.

No arrests had been made and police didn't offer a motive. Human rights groups said Martinez had been receiving death threats since December 2008.

Martinez lived with 52 displaced families locked in a dispute with a paramilitary group over a 556-hectare (1,374-acre) farm called “La Alemania,” according to a press release from the Interchurch Commission for Justice and Peace and the human rights group CODHES.

Christian Salazar, representative for the Colombia office of the United Nations High

Commissioner for Human Rights, condemned Martinez's killing and said activists for the displaced seeking return of their lands are one of the most threatened sectors of society.

“This killing didn't just happen, it's part of a context,” Salazar said. “We've been able to confirm an increase in threats and this is one of the most vulnerable groups.”

Martinez's slaying raised to 34 the number of displaced leaders killed since 2002, according to an emailed statement from CODHES.

Colombia's right-wing paramilitaries first emerged in the 1980s, financed by ranchers to counter extortion and kidnappings by leftist rebel groups.

But they later became mafias involved in drug trafficking and extortion, and stole thousands of square miles from mainly peasant farmers at gunpoint, swelling Colombia's internal refugee crisis.

President Alvaro Uribe negotiated a peace pact with the paramilitaries in 2003. But human rights groups say thousands of militia fighters have since remobilized, reconstituting themselves into criminal gangs. □

Kyrgyzstan declares state of emergency after clash

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Associated Press Writer

BISHKEK, Kyrgyzstan (AP)

— Several thousand people tried to storm a university in Kyrgyzstan in a burst of ethnic violence that left at least 2 people dead and more than 70 wounded, prompting the interim government to call a local state of emergency.

Witnesses in the southern town of Jalal-Abad said thousands of ethnic Kyrgyz advanced on the private university that serves as the center of the minority Uzbek community on Wednesday. They said gunfire broke out as crowds approached the building encircled by a cordon of special security forces.

Kyrgyzstan has been struggling to maintain stability since President Kurmanbek Bakiyev was ousted from power in April amid deadly clashes between government forces and demonstrators that claimed 89 lives.

In an apparent bid to secure its grip on power, the interim government named its head, Roza Otunbayeva, as the acting president on Wednesday — a move that requires approval in a constitutional referendum, set for next month.

It was not clear who opened fire in Jalal-Abad on Wednesday, but health officials said most of the 71 injured appeared to

be from the crowd. At least two people were killed, the Health Ministry said.

Otunbayeva responded to the violence by ordering the state of emergency and a curfew in Jalal-Abad and the surrounding area. She dispatched the acting interior minister to the area, where support for Bakiyev still runs strong.

Tensions have long simmered between ethnic Kyrgyz and Uzbek — both Sunni Muslim groups — in the former Soviet nation's restive south. In 1990, hundreds were killed in a violent land dispute between the two communities across southern Kyrgyzstan, which borders Uzbekistan.

Witnesses said the crowd assembled Wednesday in front of the university threw stones at the building and shouted demands for the hand-over of Uzbek community leader Kadyrjan Batyrov, whom they accused of inciting racial tension. Batyrov, a wealthy businessman, paid for the construction of the Peoples' Friendship University.

Batyrov alleged that the crowd was connected to criminal elements close to the Bakiyev family. He told The Associated Press that the crowd "had weapons and firebombs. When they began to attack, the police fled, and



Kyrgyz soldiers stand guard outside a university after an attempt to storm it in Jalal-Abad, Kyrgyzstan, Wednesday, May 19, 2010. Several thousand people tried to storm a university in a burst of ethnic violence that left at least 2 people dead and more than 70 wounded, prompting the interim government to call a local state of emergency. Eyewitnesses in the southern town of Jalal-Abad said thousands of ethnic Kyrgyz advanced on the private university that serves as the center of the minority Uzbek community. They said gunfire broke out as crowds approached the building encircled by a cordon of special security forces.

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the attackers then ran into the building, smashed windows and tried to set fire to the building."

The interim leader said every possible measure was being taken to defuse the situation. "We have recently demonstrated that we are capable of securing the peace,"

Otunbayeva said in the capital of Bishkek. She placed acting Interior Minister Baktybek Alymbekov in charge of securing Jalal-Abad, and instructed military and police to provide support.

Otunbayeva, who previously held the title of prime minister, will be ineligible

to run for the presidency once she completes her term as head of the provisional government at the end of 2011.

Meanwhile, Bakiyev's supporters have accused Batyrov of leading a mob late last week that burned down the deposed president's family home in the nearby village of Teyit.

Bakiyev fled the country last month for Belarus, but interim authorities say his family is still financing disturbances aimed at unseating the provisional leadership.

The torching of the Bakiyev home Friday evening marked the culmination of two days of violence in Jalal-Abad, which broke out when several hundred Bakiyev supporters, some with automatic rifles, holed up in the regional government building after capturing it a day earlier.

They were driven out by backers of the interim government, many of whom were ethnic Uzbeks. This led to local perceptions that the minority community was gaining political influence in the region. □

Investigators: N. Korea fired torpedo that sank ship

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SEOUL, South Korea (AP)

— Evidence overwhelmingly proves North Korea fired a torpedo that sank a South Korean warship in March, killing 46 sailors, investigators said Thursday.

South Korean President Lee Myung-bak vowed "stern action" for the provocation and called an emergency security meeting for Friday, the presidential Blue House said.

The long-awaited investigation results from a multinational team said a torpedo caused a massive underwater explosion that tore the Cheonan apart on March 26.

Fifty-eight sailors were

rescued from the frigid Yellow Sea waters near the Koreas' maritime border but 46 perished — South Korea's worst military disaster since the end of the three-year Korean War in 1953.

Fragments recovered from the waters near the Koreas' maritime border indicate the torpedo came from communist North Korea, investigators said. "The evidence points overwhelmingly to the conclusion that the torpedo was fired by a North Korean submarine. There is no other plausible explanation," the South Korean-led investigation team said. The civilian and military investigation team included experts from South Korea, the U.S., Australia,

Britain and Sweden.

North Korea has denied involvement in the sinking of the 1,200-ton warship. Vice parliamentary speaker Yang Hyong Sop earlier this week criticized Seoul for "unreasonably" linking his country to the incident, according to the North's state radio station.

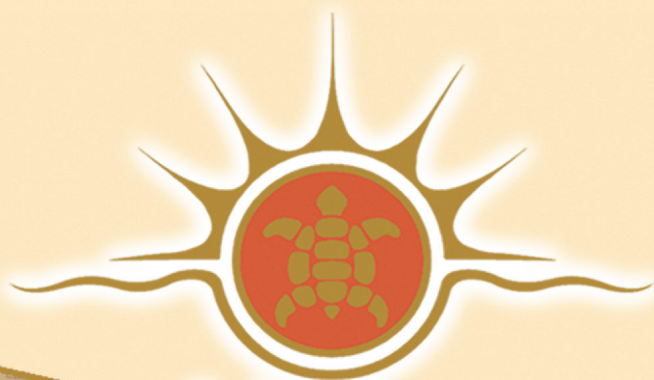
The report's release is likely to further increase tensions on the divided Korean peninsula, where the 1950-53 Korean War ended in a truce, rather than a peace treaty. The land border is the world's most heavily armed, and the western sea border has been the site of several deadly naval clashes since 1999. North Korea disputes the maritime



A North Korean Army soldier, rear, watches the South Korean side as South Korean Army soldiers stand guard at the border village of Panmunjom, South Korea, Wednesday, May 19, 2010.

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border drawn by the United Nations at the close of the war in 1953. □



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Chavez wants U.S. to ID money laundering suspects

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CARACAS, Venezuela (AP) — Venezuela will ask U.S. authorities to hand over information about brokers suspected of laundering money through the South American nation's parallel currency market, President Hugo Chavez said Wednesday.

Chavez referred to a case in which 16 people were indicted in the United States on charges of laundering at least \$7 million in drug trafficking profits through exchanges of Venezuelan currency for U.S. dollars. Chavez said he believes some of the suspects are Venezuelans, and he suggested some could be linked to the dozens of brokerage firms in Venezuela that have been accused of violating currency trading regulations.

"Have them give us their names," Chavez instructed his foreign minister during a televised speech. "There are no untouchables here." On Tuesday, Venezuelan regulators took over management at 31 of the country's 107 brokerage companies while investigating what officials say may be illegal currency-

trading practices as well as money laundering and management problems.

The president of the securities commission, Tomas Sanchez, said in remarks published Wednesday by the newspaper El Universal that officials believe there has been significant money laundering and "speculative operations" through bond trading. Aides to Sanchez confirmed the statements. Authorities temporarily halted trading of government bonds Tuesday and said they would seek to control currency exchange rates by setting a range of permitted prices in the bond market.

Chavez is seeking to crack down on currency trading that he blames for soaring inflation and the decline in the value of Venezuela's currency, the bolivar, on the previously unregulated bond market.

Venezuela maintains strict currency controls and sets official exchange rates, but another route for trading currency has been the bond market, where the bolivar has recently fetched about half the official rate of 4.30 to the dollar for nonessential goods.

In the past two weeks, authorities have intervened



Venezuela's President Hugo Chavez salutes as he arrives to preside over a civilian-military parade part of Venezuela's 200th independence anniversary celebrations in Caracas, Monday, April 19, 2010.

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in and raided 13 other brokerages on suspicion of irregularities involving currency trading. Executives at the affected companies

have not responded publicly to the measures.

Analysts say the government's decision to bar brokerage firms from

the formerly lucrative bond market will dramatically reduce their business and could lead many to go out of business. □



CBS axes 7 shows to make room for fall newcomers

By **DAVID BAUDER**,
AP Television Writer

NEW YORK — CBS may be the most popular television network but that didn't stop its executives from shaking things up for the fall by axing seven series and moving four established shows to new nights.

The network also said Wednesday it is adding five new shows for the fall, including a Tom Selleck drama, a William Shatner comedy and a remake of "Hawaii Five-O."

CBS is coming off another year atop the ratings, establishing new hits like "NCIS: Los Angeles," "The Good Wife" and "Undercover Boss." It has far more scripted shows in the upper reaches of the ratings than its rivals, yet deals with a perennial hipness deficiency due to an older-skewing audience.

The network will make its fans double-check schedules for their favorites in September. "The Big Bang Theory," its hottest comedy, switches from Monday to Thursday. "Survivor" moves from Thursday to Wednesday. "CSI: Miami" moves from Monday to Sunday, and "CSI: NY" moves from Wednesday to Friday. "Medium" stays on Friday, but moves up an hour to 8 p.m.

Chief CBS scheduler Kelly Kahl said it was a schedule of "aggressive stability."

Clearing the way for the new entries, CBS canceled "The New Adventures of Old Christine," "Ghost Whisperer," "Cold Case," "Miami Medical," "Numb3rs," "Gary Unmarried" and "Accidentally on Purpose." "We kind of call it the network circle of life," Kahl said. "We have some new ones. The

old ones say goodbye. It's hard."

CBS' canceled shows weren't cutting it for a network that wants to stay at No. 1, said CBS Corp. Chief Executive Leslie Moonves. "There should have been not too much that was surprising," he said.

The signing of Charlie Sheen to a two-year deal to stay on "Two and a Half Men" enabled CBS to move "The Big Bang Theory" while still keeping a top 10 show on Mondays. Both shows were created by Chuck Lorre, who will bring a third comedy, "Mike & Molly," to Mondays in the fall. It's about a couple that meets at an Overeaters Anonymous meeting.

CBS wanted to establish comedy on Thursdays and added Shatner's show, "(Bleep) My Dad Says" to follow "Big Bang." It's based on a real-life Twitter feed of a man who has built a following of more than a million people by recording the Archie Bunker-like observations of his father. Shatner plays the dad.

For Mondays CBS scheduled a modern revival of the 1970s cop drama "Hawaii Five-O" with Daniel Dae Kim, fresh from the Hawaii-based "Lost," in the cast. Alex O'Loughlin and Scott Caan also star.

CBS said it was a tough call whether to keep "Medium" or "Ghost Whisperer," but ultimately decided on the former because its crime-solving element was more consistent with the rest of the Friday night schedule.

Friday will also feature "Blue Bloods," which stars Selleck as a New York City police and head of a family with three generations in law enforcement.

Its other new show, described as a "comedic drama," features Jim Belushi and Jerry O'Connell as two colorful Las Vegas defense attorneys.



In this TV publicity image released by CBS, Donnie Wahlberg is shown in a scene from the police drama, 'Blue Bloods.'

(AP Photo/CBS, Craig Blankenhorn)

"It's more of a bromance than a conventional legal drama," said Nina Tassler, CBS entertainment president. □



In this publicity image released by ABC, Nicole Scherzinger, left, and her partner Derek Hough perform on the dance competition series 'Dancing With the Stars,' Monday, May 17, 2010 in New York.

(AP Photo/ABC, Adam Larkey)

Who will be the new 'Dancing' champ?

By **SANDY COHEN**,
AP Entertainment Writer

LOS ANGELES — One more week until a new "Dancing" champ is crowned. Who will it be? The final slate is set, with singer Nicole Scherzinger, Olympic figure skater Evan Lysacek and sportscaster Erin Andrews competing for the mirrorball trophy.

Lysacek and Scherzinger have topped the judges' leaderboard throughout the spring season, and finished with identical, one-point-from-perfect scores after their semifinal performances. Andrews, whose professional partner is fan favorite Maksim Chmerkovskiy, landed three points behind her fellow finalists. All said nerves were running high during the semifinals, and they expect it to be worse next week.

"I don't even want to think about it," Andrews said, nervously picking at the sequins on her costume.

Lysacek and his professional partner, Anna Trebunskaya, are already preparing for the final showdown. Timing — on the calendar, not the dance floor — remains their toughest hurdle.

"Our biggest challenge going forward is still his schedule, because he has to skate every night, so ... we have to be very efficient," she said. "Every single finalist is going to have to prepare four dances, we have two on Monday and two on Tuesday, so that's definitely going to add extra pressure and stress. But we're just going to go into it and enjoy it." □

Scherzinger said she's focusing on fun rather than worrying about the competition.

"I made it this far and now you've got to just release and have fun with it," she said.

Her professional partner, Derek Hough, said the key is to keep challenging themselves.

"As long as you keep pushing yourself and competing with yourself, you'll always come up with the best things," he said. "Once you start focusing on other people, that's where you go wrong, because you start playing to their strengths and not yours."

The history of the hit ABC show, now in its 10th season, offers a few clues as to who could win.

Gender-wise, it's pretty fairly split, with five men and four women capturing the crown during past seasons. Three Olympians — speed skater Apolo Anton Ohno, figure skater Kristi Yamaguchi and gymnast Shawn Johnson — have taken the "Dancing" title.

"Whenever there's been an Olympian in the final, they win," Hough said.

Popularity counts, too. Last season, singer Mya earned higher marks than fellow finalist Donny Osmond, but he became the "Dancing" champ.

Las Vegas oddsmakers rank Lysacek as the likely winner, with Scherzinger a close second. Andrews' odds are 10 to 1.

Fans will have their say on Monday, when the three remaining competitors show off their final dances. □

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A man checks stock prices in the window of a security company in Tokyo. The euro has fallen to a new four-year low against the dollar as the European debt crisis led to new trading restrictions by Germany and spooked markets.

(AFP/File/Toshifumi Kitamura)

Euro drops after German short-selling ban

by Danny McCord

HONG KONG (AFP) — European stock markets slumped at the start of trading on Wednesday, as traders reacted to new German trading restrictions and the euro hit a fresh four-year low on eurozone economic fears.

In opening deals, London's benchmark FTSE 100 index of leading shares dived 1.49 percent to 5,228.34 points, Frankfurt's DAX 30 shed 1.0 percent to 6,091.85 points and in Paris the CAC 40 lost 2.37 percent to 3,531.66.

Earlier the euro performed badly on Asia markets with German plans fuelling fears for Europe's banks, amid the deepening debt crisis. Analysts said Germany's attempt to reduce volatility by imposing new restrictions on speculative short selling had backfired, as the surprise and uncertainty it generated sent the single currency plummeting.

"The German decision to ban short-selling suggested policymakers were deeply worried about threats to their banks from their lending to Greece," said John Kyriakopoulos of National Australia Bank in Sydney.

Germany's securities market regulator slapped a ban Tuesday on so-called naked short-selling in the shares of 10 financial institutions and eurozone government bonds, a move it hoped would put an end to severe fluctuations.

Naked short-selling occurs when investors sell securities they do not own and have not even borrowed, hoping to be able to buy them back later at a lower price, thereby earning a profit. In regular short-selling the trader borrows the security before selling it.

"The extraordinary volatility of the bonds of eurozone states" justified the short selling ban, said a statement from Germany's securities market regulator, Bafin.

But the move fuelled uncertainty about its impact, about potential replication by other European countries, as well as how and to whom it would apply and how it would be enforced, said Mitul Kotecha at Credit Agricole. □

Stocks slump after investors focus on Europe woes

By STEPHEN BERNARD and TIM PARADIS, AP Business Writers

NEW YORK — Another wave of selling hit stocks Wednesday in response to growing fears that Europe has no quick fix for its debt crisis. The Dow Jones industrial average fell about 67 points after having been down as much as 186. It was the Dow's ninth drop in 12 days.

The extent of investors' worries became clear after the euro bounced off a four-year low but stocks still fell. The euro has been driving stock trading for weeks.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index, widely considered one of the best measures of how the stock market is doing, neared a 10 percent drop from the 2010 trading high it reached last month. That would mark the first time the market has had what's known as a "correction" since it bounced off a 12-year low in March last year. Most analysts say a correction is a drop of at least 10 percent.

The latest worry came from Germany, where regulators banned what's called naked short selling. That occurs when traders bet against investments they don't hold. The rule covers European government bonds, credit default swaps and the shares of several financial companies. The sudden announcement late Tuesday from Germany's financial regulator was seen in the markets as another example of disarray in Europe's financial system. Analysts said the hasty move only deepened the uncertainty about what steps governments might take next in hopes of containing the selling. Major European stock markets tumbled nearly 3 percent. Maury Fertig, chief investment



Trader Vito Perri, foreground, works on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange Wednesday, May 19, 2010.

(AP Photo/Richard Drew)

officer at Relative Value Partners, in Northbrook, Ill., said memories of the market's crash in late 2008 and early 2009 are still raw and that traders don't want to be caught when stocks start to slide.

"It's shoot first, ask questions later," Fertig said. "The freshness of the pain of 2008 is still really stuck in investors' minds."

Germany enacted the short-selling rule in hopes of curtailing sudden swings in European debt markets, like the ones that crippled Greece's ability to borrow money after the rates on its bonds shot higher earlier this year.

European leaders agreed last week to a nearly \$1 trillion bailout program to help countries like Greece that face mounting debt problems. The deal was initially embraced by financial markets, but traders quickly became concerned that the austerity measures tied to the rescue package would upend a rebound.

"People are still just very concerned about what's going on overseas," said Sam Stovall, chief investment strategist in U.S. equity research at

Standard & Poor's.

The Dow fell 66.58, or 0.6 percent, to 10,444.37 after dropping 115 on Tuesday.

The S&P 500 index fell 5.75, or 0.5 percent, to 1,115.05. At its low Wednesday, the index was down 9.8 percent from its 2010 trading high. Based on where it closed Wednesday, the S&P 500 index is down 8.4 percent from its peak this year. Analysts at S&P who have evaluated the events driving the market this year say that a drop of as much 15 percent is possible.

The Nasdaq composite index fell 18.89, or 0.8 percent, to 2,298.37.

Bond prices slipped, pushing yields higher. The yield on the benchmark 10-year Treasury note rose to 3.37 percent from 3.35 percent late Tuesday. Bond yields have been falling in recent weeks as investors flock to safe investments. Crude oil rose 46 cents to \$69.87 per barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange. Gold fell.

U.S. investors haven't been focusing on the U.S. economy but given the downbeat mood on Wall Street downbeat news drew some attention. □

SPORTS

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NHL Playoffs

Flyers top Montreal in Game 2

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Michael Leighton stopped 30 shots and recorded his second straight shutout as the Philadelphia Flyers beat the Montreal Canadiens 3-0 on Tuesday to take a 2-0 lead in the Eastern Conference finals. Danny Briere, Simon Gagne and Ville Leino scored for the Flyers.

Game 3 is Thursday at Montreal.

The Flyers have scored 13 straight goals in the postseason since trailing 3-0 in Game 7 against Boston in the East semifinals. Leighton has been impeccable since taking over for an injured Brian Boucher in Game 5 of the semis.

Leighton has the Flyers two wins away from their first Stanley Cup finals appearance since 1997. The Flyers haven't won the Stanley Cup since the second of their consecutive championships in 1975.

Montreal goalie Jaroslav Halak played the entire game after getting yanked in



Montreal Canadiens' Roman Hamrlik (44), of Czech Republic, Jaroslav Spacek (6), of Czech Republic, and Travis Moen (32) skate back to the bench as Philadelphia Flyers' Mike Richards (18) and Ville Leino, of Finland, celebrate a goal by Simon Gagne in the second period of Game 2 of the NHL hockey Eastern Conference finals, Tuesday, May 18, 2010, in Philadelphia.

Philadelphia's 6-0 Game 1 win.

At San Jose, California, Dustin Byfuglien and Jonathan Toews scored on deflections

90 seconds apart in the second period as Chicago beat San Jose for its record-tying seventh straight road win in the playoffs. Andrew Ladd and

Troy Brouwer also scored and Antti Niemi made 25 saves for the Blackhawks, who have a 2-0 lead in the conference finals. □

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Chicchi wins stage 4 of Tour of California

MODESTO, California (AP) — Francesco Chicchi emerged from a mass sprint to win stage 4 of the Tour of California on Wednesday, while American David Zabriskie kept the overall lead.

Chicchi completed the 121.5-mile ride from San Jose to Modesto in 4 hours, 55 minutes and 1 second. The Liquigas rider narrowly held off Juan Jose Haedo of Saxo-Bank and former race leader and stage 1 winner Mark Cavendish of HTC-Columbia.

Zabriskie, riding for Garmin-Transitions, kept the lead he assumed while winning stage 3 in Santa Cruz. He leads Michael Rogers of HTC-Columbia by 4 seconds.

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Three-time defending champion Levi Leipheimer of RadioShack is third, six seconds behind Zabriskie. The Californian finished safely in the main pack during the fourth stage.

Leipheimer's teammate, seven-time Tour de France winner Lance Armstrong, began the day in 12th overall but crashed on the final finishing circuit. Armstrong was given the same finishing time as the main group because the crash occurred within the final three kilometers.



Francesco Chicchi, center, of Italy, celebrates after beating out Mark Cavendish, left, of Britain, and Juan Jose Haedo, right, of Argentina, to win the fourth stage of the Tour of California cycling race in Modesto, Calif., Wednesday, May 19, 2010.

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The fifth stage Thursday takes riders on a 121.5-mile trip from Visalia to Bakersfield, through the San Joaquin Valley and into the foothills of the Sierra Nevada Mountains. The race finishes Sunday in Thousand Oaks. □



In this Jan. 7, 2010, file photo, Wayne Odesnik of the United States, looks dejected during his quarterfinal match against Radek Stepanek of the Czech Republic at the Brisbane International tennis tournament in Brisbane, Australia.

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Wayne Odesnik handed 2-year doping ban

LONDON (AP) — American tennis player Wayne Odesnik was banned for two years for doping on Wednesday, two months after pleading guilty to importing human growth hormone into Australia.

Although Odesnik has denied using HGH and never tested positive for the banned substance, the International Tennis Federation suspended the 24-year-old American for possessing a prohibited substance "without a therapeutic use exemption."

"Mr. Odesnik did not in fact obtain or apply for a therapeutic use exemption ... prior to obtaining it," the ITF said in a statement. "Accordingly, Mr. Odesnik's possession of the human growth hormone is an anti-doping rule violation."

Odesnik said he bought the drug to treat a recurring injury and that he intended to apply for a therapeutic use exemption. Odesnik was stopped by customs officers on Jan. 2 when he arrived in Australia ahead of the Brisbane International, a warmup for the year's first Grand Slam event. □

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NBA Roundup

Celtics top Magic, take 2-0 lead in East finals

ANTONIO GONZALEZ
Associated Press Writer

ORLANDO, Florida (AP) — Paul Pierce scored 28 points and Rajon Rondo had 25 as the Boston Celtics again avoided a late collapse to take a commanding lead in the Eastern Conference finals with a 95-92 victory over the Orlando Magic on Tuesday. Boston bullied and bruised its way to a 2-0 series lead on the road against a Magic team that had won 14 straight until this series. The Celtics held the Magic to 39 percent shooting. Dwight Howard had 30 points, and Vince Carter and J.J. Redick scored 16 apiece for the Magic, who overcame an 11-point deficit to take a brief lead in the fourth quarter. But they couldn't hold it. Jameer Nelson's desperation 3-point attempt missed at the buzzer.

Game 3 is Saturday night in Boston.

"Our fans won't let us relax," Pierce said. "We're going to try and close it out in four games."

The Celtics buckled down just enough to hold on late in this one.

Ahead 11 points to start the fourth quarter, that almost wasn't enough. The Magic, just as they did in Game 1, found their rhythm late.

They went on a 13-4 run to trim Boston's lead to 85-83 with about six minutes left. Carter's jumper with 4:05 remaining gave Orlando a 90-89 lead with 3:35 remaining, and then the Celtics summoned their championship form again.

Kevin Garnett and Rondo made consecutive jump shots, and after Nelson made a layup, Pierce answered with two free throws that put Boston ahead

Boston Celtics guard Rajon Rondo (9) drives in for a shot as Orlando Magic center Dwight Howard (12) comes in from behind for the block during the first half in Game 2 of the NBA Eastern Conference basketball finals in Orlando, Fla., Tuesday, May 18, 2010.

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by three.

Carter missed two free throws with 31.9 seconds left that cost Orlando dearly. It must have felt all too familiar to Magic fans who watched Howard's damaging misses at the stripe in Game 4 of the NBA finals last year and Nick Anderson's four bricks in Game 1 of the 1995 finals. "Just think our mindset was to be ready for the type of intensity they would bring after losing at home," Pierce said. "We know the Magic are a talented team and we won't take these two wins for granted." □

Celtics guard's stepfather arrested, stun gun used

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ORLANDO, Florida (AP) — The stepfather of Boston Celtics guard Marquis Daniels was arrested and subdued with a stun gun during Game 2 of the Eastern Conference finals against the Orlando Magic.

The Orlando police report shows 55-year-old Willie L. Buie was charged with resisting arrest with violence during Wednesday night's game. Celtics spokesman Jeff Twiss confirmed it was Daniels' stepfather.

Officers responded to a disturbance in a lower-level section during the second half. Police say they tried to escort Buie from his seat, but he refused.

He eventually was escorted out to a security office but kept his hands under his body to avoid handcuffs. That's when police say an officer used a stun gun on Buie's back. □



In this booking mug released by the Orlando Police Dept, Willie L. Buie, stepfather of Boston Celtics guard Marquis Daniels, is seen Wednesday May 19, 2010. Lorenzo was arrested and subdued with stun gun during Game 2 of the Eastern Conference finals.

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AL Roundup

Four homers lead Blue Jays over Twins

TORONTO (AP) — Edwin Encarnacion returned from injury to hit one of Toronto's four home runs as the Blue Jays romped to an 11-2 win over the Minnesota Twins in the American League on Tuesday.

Encarnacion had been out for a month with a shoulder injury. Back in the lineup, he started the homer barrage with a two-run shot in the second.

Vernon Wells, Aaron Hill and Lyle Overbay also went long for Toronto, which leads the majors with 65 home runs this season.

Blue Jays starter Shaun Marcum (3-1) won his third straight decision, allowing one run in seven innings.

Minnesota starter Carl Pavano (4-4) was pounded for six runs in four innings. He has a 6.21 ERA in 10 career games against Toronto.

Red Sox 7, Yankees 6

In New York, Jeremy Hermida hit a tiebreaking, two-run double in the ninth inning and Boston took advantage of two late errors to rally from five runs down and beat New York.

New York played the game under protest after Boston pitcher Josh Beckett left with supposed back tightness following Robinson Cano's two-run double in the fifth



Toronto Blue Jays center fielder Vernon Wells, center, flexes a muscle at former teammate, Minnesota Twins second baseman Orlando Hudson, as they joke around during ninth inning AL action in Toronto on Tuesday, May 18, 2010. Wells hit one of four home runs as the Jays hammered the Twins 11-2.

which made it 5-0 to the Yankees. The visitors said Beckett showed no sign of injury and his replacement shouldn't have been given extended time to warm up.

An error by New York right fielder Marcus Thames helped the Red Sox win. Hermida, a defensive replacement, doubled off Yankees closer

Mariano Rivera (0-1) to snap a 5-5 tie.

Red Sox closer Jonathan Papelbon got his 10th season save. Boston's Daniel Bard (1-1) got one out for the win.

Rays 6, Indians 2

In St. Petersburg, Evan Longoria drove in three runs to help Tampa Bay down Cleveland.

Longoria, who has 21 RBIs in his past 19 games, had a run-scoring double off David Huff (1-6) in the third and a two-run triple in a four-run sixth.

The Rays improved baseball's top record to 28-11 heading into a two-game series at the New York Yankees.

Tampa Bay starter David Price (6-1) won his fourth

straight decision and became the AL's first six-game winner this year. He held the Indians to an unearned run over six innings.

Cleveland shortstop Jason Donald went 2 for 3 with a walk and also scored a run in his major league debut.

Rangers 8, Angels 7

In Arlington, Michael Young had three hits and three RBIs, including a tiebreaking single that sent AL West-leading Texas over Los Angeles.

Elvis Andrus doubled in the sixth inning off Trevor Bell (1-1) for his third hit and scored on Young's bloop to right.

Darren O'Day (1-1), the second of five Rangers relievers, struck out two in a scoreless inning. Neftali Feliz worked a perfect ninth with two strikeouts for his 11th save.

Young, Ian Kinsler and Vladimir Guerrero homered for the Rangers. Torii Hunter and Juan Rivera each hit a two-run shot in the Angels' five-run fourth.

In other AL games it was, Toronto 11, Minnesota 2; Chicago White Sox 6, Detroit 2; Tampa Bay 6, Cleveland 2; Boston 7, N.Y. Yankees 6; Baltimore 4, Kansas City 3, 10 innings; Texas 8, L.A. Angels 7; and Oakland 6, Seattle 5, 10 innings. □

Hamlin's team wins NASCAR Pit Crew Challenge

By **MIKE CRANSTON**

AP Sports Writer

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Denny Hamlin's No. 11 team continued a dominating season by winning NASCAR's Pit Crew Challenge on Wednesday night.

The seven-member team changed four tires, put in gas and pushed the car 40 yards in 23.132 seconds to edge defending champion Jeff Burton's crew and collect \$70,650.

Hamlin team's entered the event having won three of the last seven Sprint Cup races — and Hamlin's girlfriend made their success known as she sat in the driver's seat as the crew pushed their car over the finish line.

Jordan Fish, a Charlotte Bobcats dancer, wore a white T-shirt that read: "All we do is win." She was right.

Hamlin, who also gets the first pit-row selection for Saturday's All-Star race, beat Dale Earnhardt's crew in the semifinals, ending Hendrick Motorsports' best showing in the event. The Burton team routed Ryan Newman's

crew to reach its second straight final.

Hamlin's crew includes gas man Scott Woods; catch-can man John Eicher; front tire changer Mike Hicks and carrier Brandon Pegram; rear tire changer Jon Sherman and carrier Heath Cherry; and jack man Nate Bolling.

Driver Kyle Busch's front tire changer Nick Odell and carrier Brad Donaghy headlined the individual awards timed in the opening rounds with an event-record 13.903 seconds.

Other winners, who collected \$10,000 for each competition: rear tire changer Dustin Necaie and carrier Matt Kreuter (14.322 seconds) of Clint Bowyer's No. 33 team; Bolling of Hamlin's No. 11 (5.573 seconds); and gas man Brad Pickens and catch-can man Travis Gordon of Mark Martin's No. 5 car (10.518 seconds).

In its sixth year, the only NASCAR-sanctioned indoor competition was the beginning of a busy week for the sport. A day after the All-Star race, the first Hall of Fame class will be inducted on Sunday at the new facility a few blocks from Time Warner Cable Arena. □



Denny Hamlin's crew celebrates after Hamlin won the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series Showtime Southern 500 auto race at Darlington Raceway in Darlington, S.C., Saturday, May 8, 2010

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England's top trio chasing Tiger Woods in rankings

By GRAHAM OTWAY

Associated Press Writer

WENTWORTH, England — England's players in the top eight have their eye on the No. 1 ranking while Tiger Woods is sidelined with a sore neck and bruised reputation.

Lee Westwood, Ian Poulter and Paul Casey spoke of their ambitions Wednesday, a day before the start of the BMW PGA Championship at Wentworth.

Phil Mickelson, back at No. 2 after his victory at the Masters in April, is the biggest threat to Woods' 258-week reign atop the rankings. Westwood, at No. 3 for the first time in his 16-year career, knows a win this weekend will keep him in the hunt.

"For me, the No. 2 and No. 1 positions are more achievable now than they have been in the last few years," Westwood said. "Tiger's performance, schedule and things like that are unpredictable at the moment."

"Phil is obviously a world-class player and has already won a major this year, but you know his performances are very much up and down. And the world rankings are all about consistency."

Consistency has become the cornerstone of Westwood's game during the past year in which he landed atop Europe's first Race to Dubai money list. In recent weeks on the U.S. tour, he's finished second at the Masters and led the Players Championship going into the final round.

The sixth-ranked Poulter, who moved into the top 10 for the first time after winning the Accenture World Matchplay at Dove Mountain in February, believes it is not just a two-man race to claim Woods'



Tiger Woods, right, and Ian Poulter, of England, talk on the 16th tee during the first round of The Players Championship golf tournament, Thursday, May 6, 2010, in Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla.

Associated Press

crown.

"If I win the BMW this week, then I will be at five," he said. "I have just got to keep playing well every week to try to get as close to Tiger or Phil, even Lee. "But it's closer now than it ever was because of the points that Tiger has dropped over the past 12 months being away from the golf course. I can see anybody in the top 10 in the world now, if they over the next three months have a couple of wins and a couple of big finishes, getting to the points that Tiger has now. "I include myself in that bracket. There are 64 points available this week and with the U.S. Open and the British Open coming up, 100 points in each of those is huge. Knock one of them over and then you are definitely going to be climbing the board pretty quickly."

Casey will attempt to successfully defend a title

for the first time in his career at the BMW. Last year, he birdied the final two holes for a one-stroke victory over Ross Fisher.

The eighth-ranked Casey agrees with Poulter that the line behind Woods is getting closer by the week. However, he admits that the \$8.5 million worth of course changes designed by Ernie Els at Wentworth in the past year could make that task even harder.

In 2009, he won playing a long running ball. But with most of the greens protected by cavernous bunkers, a higher ball flight could be a big advantage.

"You can't call upon happy memories and shots that you might have used 12 months earlier," he said. "But this course is going to suit Ian Poulter because his short game is phenomenal, and when you do miss greens here now, you have to be able to get out of bunkers and get up and down." □



Australia's Richie Porte receives the kiss of the race hostesses as he stands on the podium after completing the eleventh stage of the Giro d'Italia, Tour of Italy cycling race from Lucera to L'Aquila, Italy, Wednesday, May 19, 2010. Evgeni Petrov of Russia battled through rainy and windy conditions to win the 11th stage of the Giro d'Italia on Wednesday, and Richie Porte of Australia overtook the overall lead.

Associated Press

Petrov wins 11th stage of Giro; Porte takes lead

L'AQUILA, Italy (AP) — Evgeni Petrov of Russia battled through rainy and windy conditions to win the 11th stage of the Giro d'Italia on Wednesday, and Richie Porte of Australia overtook the overall lead.

Petrov finished the 163-mile leg from Lucera to L'Aquila, the longest of this year's Giro, in 6 hours, 23 minutes and 29 seconds.

"I am very happy," Petrov said. "I have to thank the team, all my teammates helped me today."

Dario Cataldo of Italy finished 5 seconds behind in second, while Spaniard Carlos Sastre broke from the chasing pack to finish third in the same time.

Porte took the pink jersey from Alexandre Vinokourov, who had a miserable day in the heavy rain as he was unable to break free of the second group and then suffered a puncture 30 miles from the finish.

"It hasn't sunk in yet. It's incredible," Porte said. "It was a long, hard day and I had two teammates, Chris Sorensen and Laurent Didier, who annihilated themselves for me."

The Australian rider stayed among the lead group and finished 13th, while Vinokourov was more than 12 minutes behind. Porte leads the overall standings by 1 minute, 42 seconds ahead of David Arroyo Duran on Spain. □

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San Francisco Giants' Matt Downs watches his two run double fall just fair down the left field line in the 12th inning against the San Diego Padres in a baseball game Tuesday May 18, 2010 in San Diego.

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NL Roundup

Giants pip Padres in 12 innings

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Matt Downs hit a two-run double in the 12th inning to give the San Francisco Giants a 7-6 win over the San Diego Padres, beating the National League West leaders for the first time in eight tries this season. Downs' third hit came off rookie Padres pitcher Cesar Ramos (0-1) and scored Ryan Rohlinger and Eli Whiteside, who reached on two-out singles. Eugenio Velez added an RBI single. Giants closer Brian Wilson gave up a two-run double to David Eckstein with two outs in the bottom of the 12th after Chris Denorfia and Yorvit Torrealba singled. Wilson intentionally walked Adrian

Gonzalez before striking out Chase Headley to end the game and notch his 10th save in 11 chances.

San Francisco's Dan Runzler (2-0) pitched a scoreless inning for the win as the Giants crept within half a game of the Padres.

Cardinals 3, Nationals 2

In St. Louis, Ryan Ludwick homered to snap an eighth-inning tie and lift St. Louis over Washington. Ludwick went long off Tyler Clippard (7-3), one pitch after the Nationals reliever picked off pinch-runner Brendan Ryan at first.

Cardinals starter Chris Carpenter (5-1) got the win despite allowing his seventh homer in nine starts, matching the total he yielded all of last season. Ryan Franklin worked the ninth for his ninth save in 10 chances.

In Philadelphia, Zach Duke outdueled Roy Halladay with a strong six innings that guided Pittsburgh over Philadelphia.

A night after the Pirates gave up 12 runs, Duke (3-4) limited Philadelphia to one run in six innings. Pirates relievers Evan Meek, Joel Hanrahan and Octavio Dotel retired nine of the final 10 batters.

With a perfect ninth inning, Dotel recorded his eighth save in 10 chances, and snapped the Phillies' four-game winning streak.

Phillies starter Halladay (6-2), who leads the major leagues in innings pitched, took the loss despite pitching his fourth complete game of the season, walking only one and striking out six.

In Cincinnati, Scott Rolen hit a tying, two-run homer in the ninth inning and Joey Votto delivered an RBI single off the wall to lift Cincinnati over Milwaukee.

The first-place Reds pulled off their 10th win in their final at-bat, this one against veteran

closer Trevor Hoffmann, who is struggling this season. Milwaukee lost its eighth in a row, its worst slump since 2006.

Hoffman (1-3) came on with a 4-2 lead and failed to retire any of the five batters he faced. Baseball's career saves leader has converted only five of 10 save chances this season. He has given up 19 earned runs in only 13 innings this year.

Cincinnati's Carlos Fisher (1-1) gave up a run in the eighth on a wild pitch but took the win.

In Atlanta, pinch-runner Brent Clevlen trotted home with the winning run on a throwing error by New York third baseman David Wright in the ninth inning as Atlanta edged the Mets.

Brian McCann opened the bottom of the ninth with a single off Pedro Feliciano (1-2) — the Braves' first baserunner since the third inning. New York pitchers had retired 16 in a row until then.

Yunel Escobar took a walk from New York reliever Jenrry Mejia. Melky Cabrera then hit a high chopper toward Wright. He threw on the run, but the ball sailed into Cabrera and got by first baseman Ike Davis.

Clevlen came in with the winning run while the ball sailed down the right-field line, making a winner of Billy Wagner (3-0).

Marlins 8, Diamondbacks 0 In Miami, Brian Barden drove in two runs while replacing benched star Hanley Ramirez, helping Florida beat Arizona.

In other NL games it was, Cincinnati 5, Milwaukee 4; Florida 8, Arizona 0; Pittsburgh 2, Philadelphia 1; Atlanta 3, N.Y. Mets 2; Chicago Cubs 6, Colorado 2; St. Louis 3, Washington 2; San Francisco 7, San Diego 6, 12 innings; and L.A. Dodgers 7, Houston 3.

South America becoming fertile ground for golf

DOUG FERGUSON

AP Golf Writer

PONTE VEDRA BEACH, Florida (AP) — The Olympics in Brazil are six years away and golf has only one shot to make a good impression before another vote to determine whether the sport makes it beyond the 2020 games.

More than finding (or building) the right golf course in Rio de Janeiro is making sure golf is embraced.

Golf in South America has been growing slowly but steadily over the last 10 years, producing such stars as two-time major champion Angel Cabrera of Argentina and Camilo Villegas of Colombia.

Which makes the Tour de las Americas, among golf's smallest circuits, more important than ever.

"This process needs to be speeded up a little bit because of the Olympics and because of the globalization in golf. And we can say with the crisis of the economy, it makes new markets more attractive," Henrique Lavie, commissioner of the Tour de las Americas, said during a break in meetings with U.S. golf officials.

"The U.S. PGA Tour has been very successful in what they have done in Latin America," he said, mentioning tournaments in Puerto Rico, Mexico, the Dominican Republic and a recent Nationwide Tour stop in Colombia. "This is a great opportunity to look closely at that

market. And they are talking to the Tour de las Americas on how to do it. I think there's real interest, and we're excited about it."

U.S. PGA Tour commissioner Tim Finchem said in March that golf needs to get to South America to develop interest, whether that's the Presidents Cup (which has an opening in 2015) or a regular tournament.

One proposal under consideration is to alternate a World Golf Championship between the United States and South America during the next television contract that begins in 2013. Lavie said he spoke to U.S. tour officials two years ago about Brazil, which has a burgeoning economy and will host the Olympics in 2016.

"Brazil will be a strong leader in the near future, and taking a world championship there is great preparation for the Olympics and a great measure to test the market in terms of the ability to get a big sponsor," said Lavie, who was based in Venezuela.

As for the golf course, Lavie said nearly a dozen architects have shown an interest in building the course to be used for the Olympics. His biggest concern is that the Olympic course is open to the public.

"I think that's probably mandatory," Lavie said. "A public golf course can make a big difference. I mentioned at the Presidents Cup the beauty of Harding Park (in San Francisco) being public, because such an event going to a public place means a lot to the game."

'No more hotels,' says Parliament

Ritz Carlton will continue despite controversy

10 year moratorium on new hotels, timeshare and condo in its wake

ORANJESTAD — The government of Aruba is instructed to introduce by law a ten year moratorium on new hotel, timeshare and condominium buildings. That is the outcome of a long and emotional Parliamentary meeting that was spread over weeks on the policy of commercial land issuing. The catalyst for the Parliamentary session was the last minute grant of the last piece of beach at Palm Beach for the construction of a new hotel, to be operated by Ritz Carlton. The former Minister of Infrastructure, despite her party having lost the elections here in 2009, signed the deed to allow Desarrollos Hotelco to get access to the Fisherman's Huts area. According to the new Government, legal advice indicates Aruba is tied to the deal and cannot retract without paying considerable sum in damages.

In fact, Minister of Tourism Otmar Oduber stated in Parliament, that the Ritz Carlton at the Fisherman's Huts cannot be stopped because of actions of the previous government. His government has requested legal advice from two different lawyers' offices, and both said there could be devastating financial consequences for the government, despite the fact the former Minister of Infrastructure granted the land while softening the legal requirements for the developers. Oduber blamed the former Minister, now Member of Parliament directly, and showed how her principal advisor Mito Martis in 2007 suggested a moratorium on new hotel, timeshare and condominium constructions and Mrs. Lopez Tromp signed the document. The Minister agreed with his



Parliament members that an investigation on the decision process is warranted, not only to determine what when wrong, but also to make sure it does not happen again.

The Parliament members instructed the current government to adhere to existing reports, such as the National Integrated Strategic Plan 'Nos Aruba 2025,' developed with the input of many volunteers, as well as recommendations made by Professor Sam Cole in his report 'Framework of Sustainable Tourism for Aruba.'

Meanwhile the AVP members presented three motions in the meeting yesterday. The first demanded for Aruba to adhere to the Oslo Agreement on Eco tourism and to introduce within six months, a law on a ten-year moratorium on new hotel, timeshare and condominiums. "No more hotels," resonated in the hall. The exception

could be for the San Nicolas area, but this would have to be in line with the 'Framework for Sustainable Tourism' by Professor Cole that suggests 'boutique hotels.' The motions also demanded for the government to limit commitments made by its predecessor should these have negative effects for the island. The second motion instructs the government to allow institutions investigate how lands and particularly commercial land were issue, and left the option for a Parliamentary inquiry on the matter. Moreover, Parliament wants for the current government to present a clear policy regarding land management and issuing of commercial lease land, based on the principles of transparency, economic efficiency, sustainability and social justice to avoid what AVP (supported by PDR) deemed a disastrous execution

in the period of 2001 to 2009. The third motion urged for a environmental and social/economic impact study for the Sunrise Rock Development which, also during the past government period, was granted a substantial piece of land in Seroe Colorado for golf course and resort development. Sunrise Rock Development received 1.3 million square meters but for many it is still unclear what will happen for instance with the public access to one of the most popular beaches on the island, Baby Beach. AVP wants to have the assurance

that the development will not harm the cultural-historical elements in the area, nor the caves. Moreover, Parliament wants to receive periodical reports on the progress of the project, including on the financing.

Member of the largest opposition party, MEP, including the former Minister, voted against the motions. Mr. Andin Bikker of the opposition party PDR was more selective. He said he could not vote for the first motion demanding a moratorium before knowing exactly what the law would say.



The Kitchen Aruba Offers Gourmet Take-Out of Home Cooking

ORANJESTAD – The Kitchen Aruba is a Food Store with an efficient Take Out operation focused on its Wood Fired Grill, recently opened the Certified Mega Mall. It is basically, a gourmet kitchen where delicious food is cooked to order for fresh take-out and it just introduced its full menu, filled with reasonably priced dishes.

Chef Sander van Kints who made the wood fired grill at Yemanja restaurant famous, spread his wings and opened The Kitchen, as his own business where he serves just-made meals, cooked while patrons are watching. The menu also features daily specials, all home made, from scratch. And you may buy a bottle of wine or Champagne at the food store bodega, to go with your meal.

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DELPHI WATERSPORTS celebrates nearly 2 decades of watersport services

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Besides all the Watersports sold at the two other locations in front of the Hyatt Regency and Playa Linda, the new location at the Dutch Mill also offers a wide range of beachwear such as: Hurley, Billabong, Ripcurl, Maui & Sons and Offshore. Furthermore they sell Fishing Rods and Gear, Snorkeling Equipment, Souvenirs, Beach sandals, Beach Jewelry, Sun tan lotion, Bikini's, Caps and Hats and everything related to the beach. As a special offer for Aruba Today readers, Delphi Watersports offers a free "I LOVE ARUBA" t-shirt for every US\$50.-- spend on beach items in their new Watersports & Beachwear center in front of the Dutch Mill. Delphi hopes to see you soon in their new "watersports and beachwear center" □

Assistant Secretary Arturo Valenzuela

A New Approach to Regional Security suggested

CURACAO-TheUnitedStatesiscommitted to working with our Caribbean neighbors to combat threats that endanger our mutual security. President Obama, during the 2009 Summit of the Americas in Trinidad and Tobago, voiced the U.S. commitment to partnership in this hemisphere: "As neighbors, we have a responsibility to each other and to our citizens. And by working together, we can take important steps forward to advance prosperity, security, and liberty." On May 27, 2010, the United States and the nations of the Caribbean will live up to that responsibility by launching the Caribbean Basin Security Initiative (CBSI), an important step forward for the prosperity, security, and liberty of the region. CBSI will support a joint U.S.-Caribbean partnership that addresses the various security and safety concerns of our respective governments and citizens. The definition of "security" under this new view goes beyond assistance for security forces and anti-trafficking efforts. CBSI is a broad initiative that also puts an emphasis on citizen safety partnerships that recognize the need to invest in crime prevention approaches, including education

and workforce development as alternatives to criminal enterprise. This comprehensive view also acknowledges the need to further strengthen justice sector institutions to successfully investigate and prosecute all forms of criminal activity.

The United States and Caribbean nations are entering a new phase in our relationship—a phase of dialogue, shared responsibility, and understanding. This relationship should not be viewed as a panacea against crime and violence, but the beginning of a collaborative approach—one that identifies and provides appropriate and sufficient resources to institutions and communities in a common effort to support their efforts. Over the past year, representatives from our governments have met four times to define our strategic priorities. We have similarly identified a framework for security cooperation and a broad plan of action. These are not mere political declarations but rather guiding documents that should set a clear path toward improving citizen safety over the coming years. For more information please click the following link: <http://www.state.gov/p/wha/rt/cbsi/index.htm> □

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EAGLE BEACH – A nicely catered lunch party was organized in honor of the Associate of the Month winners for January, February, March & April of 2010, at the Captain's Table Restaurant. The gathering singled out and praised associates who performed above the rest, during the first quarter of the year. Virginia De Lange of the Housekeeping Department was praised for her consistent and good-natured demeanor as her love to the hotels and its guests always reflects itself in the quality of service she delivers. Miguel Rasmijn of the Engineering Department was lauded for his knowledgeable and resourceful work and for

his ever-present willingness to resolve all challenges. Miguel who was unable to attend was represented by a colleague from his department. Miguel's colleague from the Engineering Department Errel Tromp was the winner for March, and he was cited for his punctual and precise handling of all tasks, big and small, and for his level of inter-departmental cooperation. Eleucadia Croes of the Food & Beverage department was distinguished for April for her hard work at the Islander's Grill, while by herself behind the range. Her colleagues from the general kitchen came out to spontaneously celebrate her



achievement and congratulate her on the honor, as soon as the good news reached them. The winner for Supervisor of the First Semester, was Mildred Clemencia, a super-organized, perfectionist from the Department of Human Resources, who keeps the payroll information in top shape, and her department running like clockwork.

The Winning Team for the First Semester was the Housekeeping Department, whose members Sionise Antoine, Margarita Tatis Cano, Yvonne Duncan, Susan Estanislao, Jorge Mestanza, Dolores Flores, Betty Ortiz, Magdalena Gomez, Carlos de la Cruz, Solange Enmanuel, Cynthia Headley, Yolanda Boekhoudt, collaborate in a very unique manner to make sure that rooms on their third floor are always done ahead of schedule, helping each other to beat the clock and cover all areas as a team, not as individuals. Also applauded at the end of the luncheon party the Eagle Team in charge of promoting better understanding and improved communication at the resort. They have been working hard to reach the farthest corners, including all associates, keeping them apprised of current events and abreast of all hotel news. □



HUMAN HINTS

Empowerment In Stillness

Movement evokes the illusion of separation. Separation exists only in movement. The hologram disappears in the lack of motion. (and emotion?) When we are still, we are everywhere, so there is nowhere to go, and nowhere to come from. Stillness is a direct link to Unity Consciousness. Movement is necessary in three dimensions because action moves you along your life's path. If you were meant to remain still, you would not be in a three dimensional body, so don't try to escape in renunciation of the physical.

Stillness connects us to Infinite Unity Consciousness, which builds our personal power and regains our balance. Sleep is absolutely necessary because it allows the mind and body to be still. Without a temporary escape from movement, Humans very quickly lose their reference point for sanity.

When we become still, the hologram disappears. When our minds and bodies pause their constant movement, the Illusion of separation disappears, allowing us to become aware that we are all part of Unity Consciousness. When we realize that we're all from the same Source, we realize that we are all a part of the same Infinite Abundance.

In stillness we become aware of our connection with all things, which allows our conscious mind to organize

and attract specific energies into our three dimensional lives. When we focus on our desires from a point of stillness, we magnify our power over the three dimensional illusion. Our conscious knowledge of Unity empowers our ability to manifest what we focus on. Become still, become aware that you are always connected to Infinite Abundance through Absolute Unity, and imagine your desires fulfilled.

You can become still in a crowd of people, or when demands are being thrown at you. It might help to start finding your place of stillness when you're by yourself, but with practice, you will be able to become still with a single thought, while engulfed in chaos.

No matter how crazy things get, no matter how out of control you life seems, know that you can mentally turn off the Illusion, and quiet your mind for a moment. Let the world come at you, and still your mind. In a moment of stillness, you will instantly receive infinite energy, clarity and balance.

In stillness, you become alone even if the masses surround you. In stillness, the illusion of Polarity disappears, so there is no concept of "other".

In Stillness, you will find Unity, and in Unity lies Abundance and Bliss, no matter what your physical situation tells you. Find a moment of stillness within your mind

every day. Pay homage to yourself and be thankful for your three dimensional life. When you come back into movement, remember the moments of stillness. Bringing the sensation of Unity into the physical realm will empower you to take control of your physical life.

Until Tomorrow...

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~Quentin Danziger

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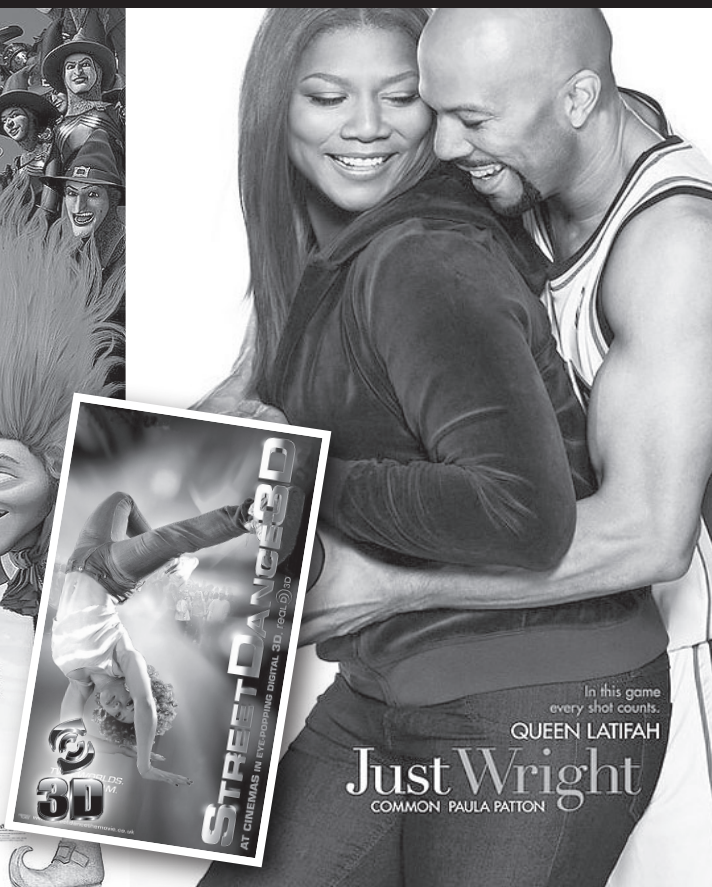
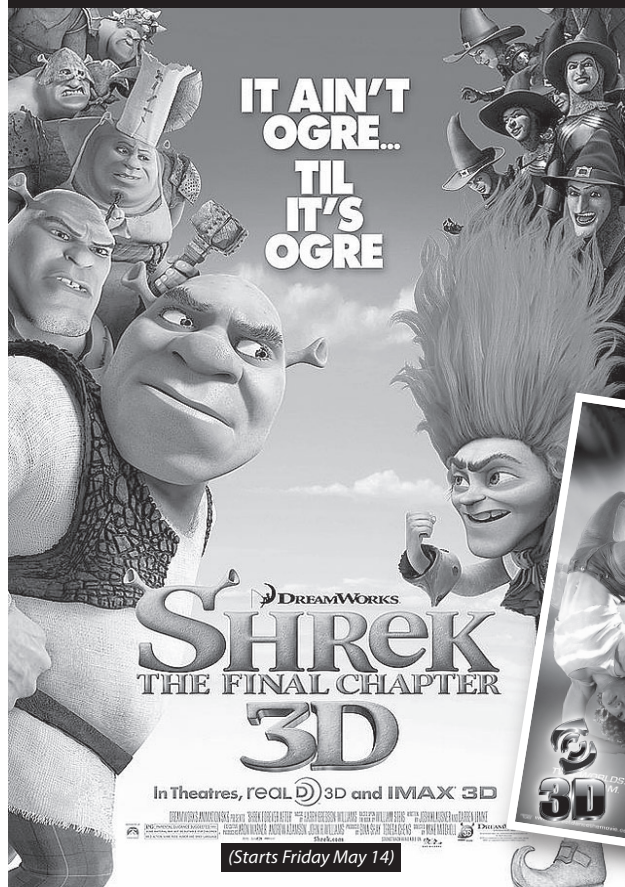
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triumphant reappearance. It's an all new original illusion not seen anywhere else in the world. I went back to see the show during rehearsals, and still couldn't figure out the secret.

Tourists and local fans will remember Steinfeld for past performances, in Aruba, and on network television, Mr. Steinfeld recently authored "the Houdini Conspiracy", aka "Houdini Lives!", a

collaborated work with new england mystery writer Al Blanchard, he believes will be turned into a feature film.

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At the Radisson Aruba Resort Casino & Spa

Stylish first Communion for Jaëd Gomez



Mom Janella and dad Elvis invited almost one hundred guests to the party, decorated by Liesje Tromp and nicely catered by the culinary team of the resort.

Jaëd experienced their first holy mass at the Iglesia Sagrado Corazon, in Savaneta, and enjoyed the trip to Palm Beach in the Hummer Limousine, after the church service, with his sister Jaydah.

The party featured many special touches, a kids'



PALM BEACH – The Gomez family celebrated the first holy communion of Jaëd at the Radisson Aruba Resort Casino & Spa, Grand Caribbean Ballroom.



table, a beautiful buffet, an interactive omelet station, a spectacular dessert table and even a chocolate fountain.

Pictured here, the Gomez family celebration. □

Amazonia Churrascaria stages a perfect event

Ethan de Lange's First Holy Communion



PALM BEACH – Amazonia Churrascaria hosted an elegant first communion party for Ethan de Lange, given by his mom Gillian Fung-A-Fat and his dad Raymond de Lange to over one-hundred family members and friends who enjoyed the parade of gauchos and the perfectly grilled meats paired with the fresh and abundant salad bar.



The multi-generational event was enjoyed by young and young at heart, marking Ethan's first church experience as a member of his religious community. □



From Massachusetts to Aruba

Ryan & Suzanne tie the knot in Paradise



EAGLE-On May 7, 2010 Ryan Adams & Suzanne Showstock tied the knot at Town Hall. The lovebirds reside in Charleston, Massachusetts and have been together since June 29, 2004. They met at a party in Cape Cod while Ryan was doing a keg stand and lost his flip flop. Suzanne picked up his shoe and returned it to him, since that moment they had a connection. The first date was on July 5th, 2004 and have been together for 5 years.

Ryan & Suzanne developed a strong bond of love and it was on July 31, 2009 that Ryan proposed his love. The engagement took place on Nauset Beach where the lovebirds spend a lot of their time together. Ryan & Suzanne live together in a condo with their French bull dog Burton and they both love the Red Sox and travel all over with friends to watch the Red Sox in action. The beach blessing took place

at the Divi Resort and was coordinated by the fabulous team of Aruba Weddings for You.

The blessing was delivered by Greg Lyder and witnessed by 21 guests. A sand ceremony took place at the ceremony. The grains of sand were blended together and they were united as husband and wife. As the sunset Bella Aruba Photography was there to capture the “Once

in a Lifetime” moments as everything unfolded.

Ryan & Suzanne toasted with champagne and cut the wedding cake. The newlyweds and guests enjoyed an unforgettable reception at Divi Phoenix Resort.

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everyone who made our dream wedding perfect and for my friends and family for attending our Aruba wedding. We are ready to start the next chapter of our lives together, stated the newlyweds. □

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FDA may disclose more details on drug, food safety

By MATTHEW PERRONE,
AP Business Writer

WASHINGTON — The nation's top drug regulator proposed Wednesday to disclose more information about safety problems with the drugs and devices it rejects.

The effort is part of a broader plan to remake the public image of the Food and Drug Administration, which has come under fire for being too secretive.

An agency taskforce is suggesting 21 ways the FDA could release more information to the public in areas like drug evaluation and in food manufacturing inspections, another area in which it has oversight responsibility.

Agency leaders stressed that the FDA is merely considering the changes and that some would require legal changes by Congress to implement.

The FDA has long operated under strict confidentiality rules because its scientists handle reams of proprietary information from food, drug and device companies.

However, that operating style has come under fire in recent years from critics who have charged that the agency is too slow to disclose drug safety issues. The changes suggested in the 67-page report would mark an about-face from current policies that allow manufacturers to control most public information about products in development.

Deputy Commissioner Dr. Joshua Sharfstein said greater transparency would

benefit both consumers and companies, who will be able to learn from the success and failures of competitors. "The more people see how the agency approaches this the more they'll understand the kind of data they need and the more rapid and efficient approvals could be," Sharfstein said during a call with reporters.

Problems with FDA transparency were highlighted in 2004 when the popular painkiller Vioxx was pulled from the market five years after its approval, because of links to heart attack and stroke. Critics said lives could have been saved if the agency had opened up more to outside researchers and health advocates.

Half of the new suggestions are designed to give more information about experimental drugs and devices under review at the

agency. Under current FDA regulations, communication about such products is extremely limited. In the initial months of review FDA spokespersons will not even confirm the existence of a new drug application. Additionally, when the FDA declines to approve a treatment, it allows the manufacturer to make the announcement — usually in the most vague terms possible.

Under the proposals posted online, the FDA would begin publishing rejection letters to drug and device manufacturers, including any safety concerns that led to the decision.

The Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers Association said Wednesday it is reviewing FDA's proposal and generally supports increased transparency.

But the group's senior vice president, Ken Johnson,

added that FDA must "ensure that the competitive development process remains intact to serve patients and the public."

The medical device industry's lobbying group AdvaMed took a more critical stance, suggesting some of FDA's proposals could needlessly disclose proprietary company information.

"Weakening intellectual property protections is a dangerous recipe for stifling investment in breakthrough products and could significantly impede medical progress and ultimately impede public health," the group said in a statement.

Other recommendations from the FDA task force include:

- publishing inspection reports of drug and food manufacturing plants online
- publicizing criminal cases

against companies regulated by the FDA

- putting more documents online to relieve a massive backlog of document requests

One of the agency's toughest critics questioned that last strategy, pointing out that the FDA would actually need more time and money to redact thousands of documents to be posted online.

"There are some important steps forward here, but you can talk about transparency from here to eternity and if you don't have an actual mechanism to make that data available it becomes less meaningful," said Dr. Sidney Wolfe, of the consumer advocacy group Public Citizen.

The FDA's task force will take comments on the recommendations for 60 days and then submit a final list of changes for implementation. □

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Ocean fish could disappear in 40 years: UN



Fishmongers prepare bluefin tuna before an auction at Tokyo's Tsukiji fish market in February 2010. The world faces the nightmare possibility of fishless oceans by 2050 unless fishing fleets are slashed and stocks allowed to recover, UN experts warned.

(AFP/File/Yoshikazu Tsuno)

by Sebastian Smith

NEW YORK (AFP) – The world faces the nightmare possibility of fishless oceans by 2050 unless fishing fleets are slashed and stocks allowed to recover, UN experts warned.

"If the various estimates we have received... come true, then we are in the situation where 40 years down the line we, effectively, are out of fish," Pavan Sukhdev, head of the UN Environment Program's green economy initiative, told journalists in New York.

A Green Economy report due later this year by UNEP and outside experts argues this disaster can be avoided if subsidies to fishing fleets are slashed and fish are given protected zones -- ultimately resulting in a thriving

industry.

The report, which was opened to preview Monday, also assesses how surging global demand in other key areas including energy and fresh water can be met while preventing ecological destruction around the planet. UNEP director Achim Steiner said the world was "drawing down to the very capital" on which it relies.

However, "our institutions, our governments are perfectly capable of changing course, as we have seen with the extraordinary uptake of interest. Around, I think it is almost 30 countries now have engaged with us directly, and there are many others revising the policies on the green economy," he said.

Environmental experts are

mindful of the failure this March to push through a worldwide ban on trade in bluefin tuna, one of the many species said to be headed for extinction.

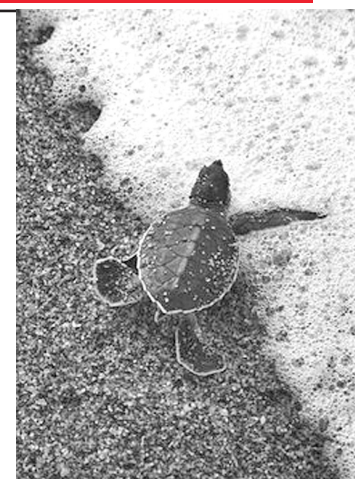
Powerful lobbying from Japan and other tuna-consuming countries defeated the proposal at the CITES conference on endangered species in Doha. But UNEP's warning Monday was that tuna only symbolizes a much vaster catastrophe, threatening economic, as well as environmental upheaval.

One billion people, mostly from poorer countries, rely on fish as their main animal protein source, according to the UN. The Green Economy

report estimates there are 35 million people fishing around the world on 20 million boats. About 170 million jobs depend directly or indirectly on the sector, bringing the total web of people financially linked to 520 million.

According to the UN, 30 percent of fish stocks have already collapsed, meaning they yield less than 10 percent of their former potential, while virtually all fisheries risk running out of commercially viable catches by 2050.

Currently only a quarter of fish stocks -- mostly the cheaper, less desirable species -- are considered to be in healthy numbers. □



Photograph taken on February 2010 shows a rare baby green turtle crawling to the sea at Sukamade beach, part of Indonesia's Meru Betiri National Park in East Java. Indonesian police said Wednesday they had rescued 71 endangered green sea turtles after a raid on a warehouse on the holiday island of Bali.

(AFP/File/Ahman Rahman)

Indonesian police seize 71 green turtles

DENPASAR, Indonesia (AFP) – Indonesian police said Wednesday they had rescued 71 endangered green sea turtles after a raid on a warehouse on the holiday island of Bali.

The animals were alive but with their flippers tied with rope after police investigated suspicious activity by the 55-year-old warehouse owner, senior detective Andi Rahmantiro told AFP.

The turtles were probably destined for local food markets, he added.

"We have been eyeing the area for a while but we needed stronger evidence. Yesterday our officers raided the location because the information was certain," Rahmantiro said.

"The suspect confessed to planning to sell the turtles for 700,000 rupiah (77 dollars) each. On the market they can actually reach about two to four million rupiah each."

An estimated 100,000 green sea turtles are killed in the Indo-Australian archipelago each year, mostly for their meat, according to environmental group WWF. Turtle meat is a traditional part of the Balinese diet but consumption has fallen since its peak in the 1970s thanks to greater awareness of the species and its importance to the local tourism industry. □

Fighting bull cloned for 1st time in Spain



Got, the country's first cloned Spanish fighting bull, is seen hours after being born at a ranch in Melgar de Yuso, northern Spain, on Wednesday, May 19, 2010. A dairy cow has given birth to a calf which should be an exact genetical replica of a ferocious, hefty beast of the type faced in bullrings by matadors.

(AP Photo/I.Lopez)

MELGAR DE YUSO, Spain – Scientists in Spain say they have cloned a fighting bull for the first time. Vicente Torrent, a specialist in veterinary genetics, says the newborn calf, named Got, is an exact replica of a muscular, horned specimen of the type matadors face in bullrings. The animal was unveiled Wednesday, a day after being born. It now weighs 24 kilograms (53 pounds).

Torrent says his 17-man team is hopeful Got will exhibit the same fierce traits that made his genetic predecessor, Vasito, such a valuable specimen. Animal cloning began in 1996 with Dolly the sheep. Torrent said it took three years of work to devise a means of preserving what he called valuable bull genes. □



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2010 Continues To Defy Conventional Wisdom

Kyle Trygstad & Mike Memoli

There were no major surprises on what was the busiest voting day to date Tuesday, as voters again signaled that support of the Washington establishment is no virtue this cycle. Nowhere was that more clear than in Pennsylvania and Kentucky, where favored candidates lost their party's nomination.

In the Keystone State, it was 30-year Senate veteran Arlen Specter. The longtime Republican left the GOP last year to avoid losing a primary on Tuesday to conservative former Rep. Pat Toomey. Instead, the 80-year-old Specter lost the Democratic primary to Rep. Joe Sestak.

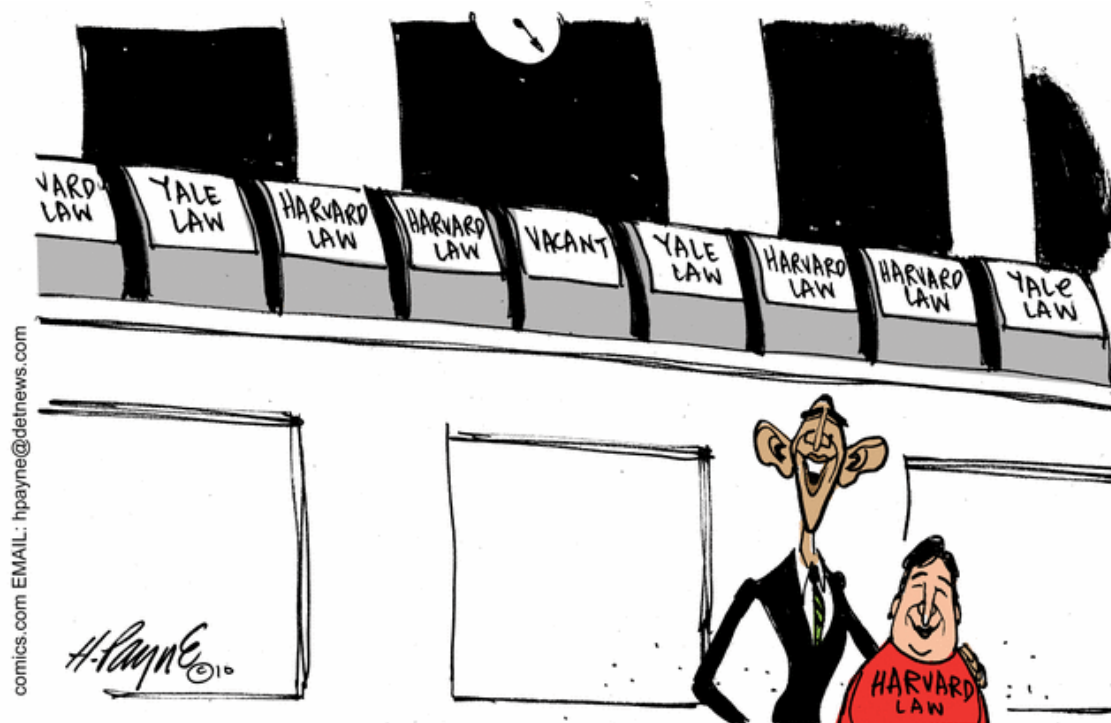
The convincing margin of defeat came for Specter despite endorsements not just from the White House, but Sen. Bob Casey, Gov. Ed Rendell, and the state party. Specter becomes the third incumbent to lose his party's nomination in the past 10 days. In Kentucky, ophthalmologist Rand Paul made a statement on behalf of the tea party movement he embraced with his 23-point dismissal of Secretary of State Trey Grayson, who had received both behind-the-scenes and ultimately public support from Senate Minority Leader and Kentucky native Mitch McConnell, as well as other establishment party figures. In both cases, the parties immediately moved publicly to mend fences, as November results remain the most important goal. "We will wholeheartedly support Congressman Sestak as the Democratic nominee," Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid stated.

"I am confident that we will keep Kentucky's U.S. Senate seat in Republican hands thanks to Dr. Rand Paul's nomination today," said John Cornyn, chairman of the National Republican Senatorial Committee, in a memo to Republican Senate leaders.

In Arkansas, Sen. Blanche Lincoln didn't lose the nomination on Tuesday, but she didn't win it either. Taking just 45 percent of the Democratic primary vote, Lincoln was forced into a June 8 runoff against Lt. Gov. Bill Halter. The result was somewhat closer than expected while a third candidate drew a larger-than-expected share of the vote.

Republican Rep. John Boozman won his party's nomination outright despite an even more crowded primary field, giving him a three-week head start as Democrats will likely continue pouring resources into an intraparty skirmish.

Washington Democrats did have other reasons to cheer, however. In yet another shock to the system of conventional wisdom, Republicans failed to pick up Pennsylvania's 12th district seat in a special election to replace the late John Murtha. □



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Supreme Court moves in the right direction on juvenile sentence

The Supreme Court took a welcome step Monday when it banned life-without-parole sentences for juveniles convicted of crimes short of murder. The 5-to-4 ruling acknowledges the growing scientific and legal recognition that youths are not simply small adults, and therefore should not be treated like adults under the law. The ruling also gives juvenile offenders with such a harsh sentence incentive for reform – and thus hope for freedom – during their lifetimes. This has a larger and constructive implication for states: They should focus more on rehabilitation even as budgets push them to cut such efforts and despite a trend to prosecute more juvenile offenders in adult court. Studies show that teen criminals in community-based programs with caring adults who help train and reform them have a lower rate of returning to crime and also cost taxpayers less than those incarcerated in traditional institutions.

This decision comes five years after the high court overturned the death penalty for those under 18, ruling that immaturity made them less culpable than adults for similar crimes. This week's ruling overturned the life-without-parole sentence for Floridian Terrance Graham, who, at 16, helped rob a restaurant and, when he was 17, participated in a home invasion robbery. The majority opinion, written by "swing vote" Justice Anthony Kennedy, drew heavily on the 2005 death penalty case, reiterating that there are "fundamental differences between juvenile and adult minds."

Scientific studies show youths are less able to assess risk, control impulses, and process consequences. That makes traditional penal theory – such as retribution and deterrence – "not adequate" to justify life without parole for youths committing nonhomicide crimes, wrote Justice Kennedy.

Juveniles are also more capable of change, Kennedy reasoned. Cutting off that possibility amounts to cruel and unusual punishment,

violating the Constitution's Eighth Amendment. "A life without parole improperly denies the juvenile offender a chance to demonstrate growth and maturity," stated Kennedy.

The majority, however, allowed that a state need not guarantee eventual freedom. The possibility still stands that a juvenile may spend a lifetime in prison, but a state must first offer "meaningful opportunity to obtain release based on demonstrated maturity and rehabilitation."

But how to define meaningful? Or demonstrated maturity? And over how many years? The court didn't say, and therein lies the potential for much litigation from inmates who might now argue that sentences for their crimes committed as juveniles are so long that they amount to cruel and unusual punishment.

State legislatures and judges will have to answer these questions, as well as other ones that loom on the horizon. For instance, the ruling preserves homicide as a juvenile crime punishable by life without parole. But if minors as a category are less culpable for their crimes, then does that not make them less culpable for murder as well?

The Supreme Court has drawn a line distinguishing homicide from other violent crimes, and this ruling respects that. But what about a felony murder, in which a juvenile commits a felony in which a homicide occurs, and is then convicted of that murder even though it was carried out by someone else? Kennedy seemed to leave the door open for such a review.

A potentially larger question is this: Will society eventually reconsider the definition of a juvenile? The court put much stock in society's view of life-without-parole as "rare" – borne out in the fact that only 11 states have handed out such sentences to juveniles, while 37 states, the District of Columbia, and the federal government have them on the books. □

Brasil pide a Consejo de la ONU que evite sanciones contra Irán

RIO DE JANEIRO (Reuters)

- Brasil solicitó el miércoles al Consejo de Seguridad de la ONU a través de una carta que le dé una oportunidad de negociación a Irán y que evite “medidas perjudiciales a una solución pacífica para el tema” de su programa nuclear.

Brasil y Turquía mediaron un acuerdo con Irán el 17 de mayo en Teherán, en virtud del cual la república islámica enviará al extranjero 1.200 kilos de uranio levemente enriquecido a cambio de 120 kilos de combustible nuclear para un reactor de investigaciones médicas en el país.

Un grupo de potencias mundiales, encabezadas por Estados Unidos, anunció el martes un borrador de una resolución con nuevas sanciones del Consejo de Seguridad contra Irán e instituciones de ese país por negarse a interrumpir las actividades nucleares.

“Tenemos total confianza de que las cinco potencias más uno van a revisar la declaración conjunta con una visión para abrir camino (...) considerando cuestiones relacionadas al programa nuclear iraní y cosas más amplias de preocupación mutua, por medio de un diálogo constructivo”, afirmó la carta firmada por Brasil y Turquía.

Las cinco potencias más uno son los países que son miembros permanentes del Consejo de Seguridad de la ONU -Estados Unidos, Rusia, Gran Bretaña, Francia y China- más Alemania. Turquía y Brasil son miembros no permanentes del Consejo de Seguridad de Naciones Unidas.

El ministro de Relaciones Exteriores, Celso Amorim, dijo el martes a la prensa que quienes no aprovechen la oportunidad de una solución negociada “asumirán sus responsabilidades”, en referencia a las potencias favorables a nuevas sanciones.



Imagen de archivo de la firma de un acuerdo entre Irán, Brasil y Turquía sobre combustible nuclear. Mayo 17 2010. El presidente de Brasil, Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva, puso brevemente a su país en el centro de la atención internacional cuando ayudó a mediar un controvertido acuerdo de intercambio de combustible para el programa nuclear de Irán. REUTERS/Morteza Nikoubaz/Archivo

El acuerdo mediado por Brasil y Turquía tenía como objetivo evitar una nueva ronda de sanciones contra la república islámica. Autoridades estadounidenses, en tanto,

alegaron que Irán sólo busca ganar tiempo. Después del anuncio del acuerdo, Irán dijo que pretendía seguir enriqueciendo uranio, con lo que aumentó las sospechas de que su programa nuclear no tiene fines pacíficos.

La declaración conjunta, firmada por los tres países, fue enviada el miércoles a los miembros del Consejo de Seguridad de la ONU, según un comunicado de la cancillería brasileña.

De acuerdo a la carta, el acuerdo de canje de combustible nuclear dará la “oportunidad de comenzar un proceso con el objetivo de crear una atmósfera positiva, constructiva y de no confrontación que lleve a una era de integración y cooperación”. □

Autoridades electorales dominicanas revisan votos nulos

SANTO DOMINGO (AP) - Las autoridades electorales de República Dominicana comenzaron el miércoles, en medio de protestas, la revisión de votos nulos y observados de los comicios legislativos y municipales del domingo para dar a conocer en los próximos días el resultado final de la consulta.

Los votos en esta situación representan en total el 4,38% de la votación, el presidente de la Cámara Administrativa de la Junta Central Electoral (JCE), Roberto Rosario, explicó que la revisión es indispensable porque en algunas demarcaciones el número de votos “observados” (protestados) es determinante para declarar vencedor a algún partido o candidato.

Mientras la JCE revisa los votos, grupos de inconformes con los resultados de la contienda protestan afuera de las sedes electorales en algunos pueblos, donde se han registrado enfrentamientos entre manifestantes y miembros de la Policía Militar Electoral. Al menos ocho manifestantes fueron detenidos en el pueblo de Yamasá, 45 kilómetros al norte de la capital.

Los comicios le dieron una contundente victoria al partido al Partido de la Liberación Dominicana (PLD) del presidente Leonel Fernández, que obtuvo 31 de las 32 bancas del Senado. La misión de observación electoral de la OEA aseguró que los comicios se desarrollaron en “un ambiente de relativa tranquilidad”, pese a algunos “hechos de

violencia aislados” y algunas inequidades debido a la falta de control y de topes en el financiamiento de las campañas.

Sin embargo, Miguel Vargas Maldonado, presidente del opositor Partido Revolucionario Dominicano (PRD), que ha denunciado presuntas anomalías en el proceso electoral, aseguró el martes que hay una diferencia de 300.000 votos entre las elecciones legislativas y las municipales, “que no puede ser explicada por votos nulos”.

La elección de los 183 miembros de la cámara baja, 20 diputados ante el Parlacen, 1.149 regidores municipales y 715 vocales distritales se realiza de forma proporcional con base en la totalidad de los votos, recordó el presidente de la JCE, Julio César Castaños. El PRD perdió todos los escaños que tenía en el Senado, ganó 57 alcaldías y espera conseguir 78 curules en la Cámara de Diputados.

Los 4,036 funcionarios que hayan resultado electos el domingo asumirán sus funciones el 16 de agosto para un periodo extraordinario de seis años, establecido para unir en el 2016 las elecciones legislativas y presidenciales.

Durante la jornada electoral o en las horas previas se registraron hechos violentos que dejaron 3 muertos y unos 10 heridos y denuncias de que supuestos integrantes del partido oficialista estaban comprando documentos de identidad de simpatizantes de la oposición para impedirles que pudieran votar. □

Honduras retira acusación en contra de Brasil

AMSTERDAM (Reuters)

- Honduras retiró una demanda presentada contra Brasil ante el máximo tribunal de Naciones Unidas, debido a que han mermado las tensiones en una disputa por la decisión brasileña de permitir que el derrocado presidente Manuel Zelaya permaneciera en una de sus embajadas. El Gobierno de facto de Honduras inició en octubre los procedimientos judiciales en la Corte Mundial en un intento por hacer que Brasil dejara de dar refugio a Zelaya en su embajada en Tegucigalpa. Brasil había impugnado la maniobra argumentando que Honduras no tenía razones para presentarla. Sin embargo, la Corte Internacional de Justicia con sede en la Haya dijo el miércoles que Honduras había pedido el 30 de abril que el caso fuese retirado y el tribunal accedió a la petición el 12 de mayo. □

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